

ANNO XXVI.
HENRICI
OCTAVI.

Actes made in the session
of this present parliament hol-
den vpon prorogacion at Westmin-
ster, the .iii. day of Nouember, in
the .xxvi. yere of the reigne of
our moste drad soueraigne lorde
kyng Henrie the eight, and
there continued and kept till
the .xviii. day of Decem-
bre next ensuyng. To
the honour of
God, and
for
the common weale and
profit of this
realme.

Imprinted at London in Flete-
strate by Thomas Powell.

THE TABLE.



- A**cte concernyng the kinges highnes to be supzeme head of the churche of Englande, and to haue auctoritie to refozme and redresse all errours, heresies, and abuses in the same. Cap. i.
- An act ratifyng the othe that euery of the kinges subiectes hath taken, and shall hereafter be bounde to take for due obseruacion of the act made for the suretie of the succession of the kynges highnes in the crowne of the realme. Cap. ii.
- An acte concernyng the payment of first frutes of all dignities, benefices, and promotions spiritual, and also concernyng one annuel pension of the x. parte of al the possessions of the churche spiritual and tempozal, granted to the kinges highnes and his heires. Cap. iii.
- An acte for punishment of periury of iurours in the lordeships marches in wales. Cap. iiii.
- An acte that keepers of ferries on the water of Seuerne, shall not conuey in their ferry botes any maner of person, goods or cattals after the sonne goyng downe, til the sonne be vp. Cap. v.
- An act that murders and felonies done or committed within any lordeship marcher in wales shall be inquired of, at the sessions holden within the shire groundes next adioynyng, with many good orders for ministracion of iustice there to be had. Ca. vi.
- An acte for amendyng of high waies in Suffex. Cap. vii.
- An acte for the reedifyng of boide groundes in the citee of Norwiche. ca. viii.
- An acte for reedifyng of boide groundes within the towne of Lin. ca. ix.
- An acte wherby the kinges highnes hath auctoritie to repele the statute made for restraint of wines to come in afoze candelmas. Ca. x.
- An acte for punishment of welshement attēptyng any assautes or affraies vpon any thynhabitautes of Berff. Glouc. and Shropshire. Cap. xi.
- An acte for purgacion of conuictes in wales. Cap. xii.
- An act wherby diuers offences be made high treason, and taking away al saintuaries for all maner of highe treasons. Cap. xiii.
- An act for nominacion and consecracion of suffragans within this realme Cap. xiiii.
- An acte for takyng away certaine exaction taken within the archedeconry of Richemonde by spiritual men. Cap. xv.
- An acte for makyng of worstedes in citee of Norwiche, and in the townes of Lynne and yermouth. Cap. xvi.
- An acte that no fermors of spiritual persons shall be compelled or charged to pay for their lessours first frutes or peres pension of the x. granted to the kynges highnes. Cap. xvii.
- An acte concernyng the kynges generall and free pardon graunted by his highnes. Cap. xviii.

Finis Tabula.

HENRICI OCTAVI.

An acte concerning the kinges highnes to be supreme head of the church of Englande, and to have auctoritie to reforme and redresse all errors, heresies, and abuses in the same. Cap. i.



A be it the kinges maiestie iustely and rightfully is and oweth to be the supreme head of the church of Englande, and so is recognised by the clergie of this realme in their Conuocations, yet neuer thelesse for corroboracion & confirmation ther, and for increase of vertue in Christes religion within this realme of England, and to represse and extirpe al errors, heresies, & other enormities and abuses heretofore vled in the same: Be it enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliament, that the kyng our soueraigne lord, his heires & successours, kinges of this realme, shal be taken accepted and reputed the one supreme head in earth of the church of England, called *Anglicana ecclesia*. And shal haue and enioy annexed and vnitd to the imperiall crowne of this realme, as wel the title & stile therof, as al honours, dignities, preeminences, iurisdiccions, priuileges, auctorities, immunities, profites, and comodities to the said dignitie of supreme head of the same church belongyng & apperteynyng. And that our said soueraigne lord his heires and successours kinges of this realme, shal haue full power and auctoritie from time to time, to visite, represse, redresse, reforme, order, correcte, restraine, & amende all such errors, heresies, abuses, offences, contemptes, and enormities, what so euer they be, which by any maner spiritual auctoritie or iurisdiction ought or may lawfully be reformed, repressed, ordered, redressed, corrected, restrained, or amended, most to the pleasure of almighty god, the increase of vertue in Christes religion, & for the conseruacion of the pece, vnitie, and tranquillite of this realme, any vsage, custom, forein lawes, forein auctority, prescripcion or any thing or thinges, to the contrarie hereof notwithstanding.

An acte ratifyng the othe that euery of the kinges subiectes hath taken, and shal hereafter be bounde to take for due obseruation of the acte made for the suretie of the succession of the kynges highnes in the crowne of the realme. Cap. ii.



Where at the last session of this present parliament, in the act than made for the establishment of the Succession of the heires of the kinges highnes in the imperial crowne of this realme, it is contained amonges other thinges, that all and singuler the kinges subiectes, as wel the nobles spirituall and temporall, as other, should make and take a corporall othe, whan so euer it should please the kinges maiestie, or his heires, to appoint, that thei shoulde truly, firmly, and constantly, without fraude or

gyle, obserue, fulfil, mainteine, defende and kepe to their cōunning wit and vttermost of their powers, the hole effectes & contentes of the said acte, as in the same act amōges other thinges more plainly appereth. And at the day of the last prorogacion of this present parliamēt, aswel the nobles spiritual & temporal, as other the cōmons of this present parliamēt than assembled in the high hous of the parliament, most louingly accepted & took such othe as then was deuised in writing for maintenance & defence of the said act, & ment and intended at that time, that euery other the kynges subiectes should be bounde to accepte and take the same, vpon the peynes contained in the said acte. The tenour of whiche othe hereafter ensueth.

ye shall sweare to beare faith, truth, and obedience, al onely to the kynges maiestie, and to his heyrres of his body of his most dere and entierly beloved lawfull wyfe Queene Anne begotten & to be begotten. And further to the heires of our sayd soueraigne lord, according to the limitation in the statute made for suretie of his succession in the crowne of this realme mentioned and contained, and not to any other within this realme, nor forreine auctority or potēstate. And in case any othe be made or hath be made by you to any person or persons, that then ye to repute the same as vaine & admichilate. And that to your cōunning, wit, & vttermost of your power, without gyle, fraude, or other vnder meane, ye shall obserue, kepe, mainteine, and defende the saide act of succession, & al the whole effectes & contentes therof, and all other actes and statutes made in confirmation, or for execution of the same, or of any thyng therein contained. And this ye shall do against all maner of persons, of what estate dignitie degree or condicio so euer they be. And in no wise do or attempte, nor to your power suffre to be done or attempted directly or indirectly any thyng or thynges priuely or appertly, to the let, hinder aunce, damage, or derogacion therof, or of any parte of the same, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretence, so helpe you god, and all sainctes, and the holy Euangelistes.

And for as muche as it is conuenient for the sure maintenaunce and defence of the same acte, that the said othe should not only be auctorised by auctoritie of parliament, but also be interprete and expounded by the hole assēt of this present parliament, that it was mente and entended by the kynges maiestie, the lordes and cōmons of the parliamēt, at the said day of the said last prorogacion, that euery subiect should be bounden to take the same othe according to the tenour and effect therof, vpon the peynes and penalties conteyned in the sayde acte: Therfore be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliamēt, that the said oth aboue reherfed, shall be interprete expounded reputed, accepted, and adiudged the very othe, that the kynges highnes, the lordes spiritual & temporal, and the cōmons in this present pliamēt ment & intended, that euery subiect of this realme should be obliged, and bounden to take and accepte for maintenance and defence of the same acte, vpon the peynes contained in the said acte. And that euery of the kynges subiectes, vpon the saide peynes shall be obliged to accepte and take the saide othe.

And

HENRIC OCTAVI.

And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaide, that the commissioners that hereafter shalbe appointed to receiue suche othe of the kinges subiectes, or two of them at the least, shall haue power and auctoritie to certifie into the kinges bench by writing, vnder their seales, euery refusell that hereafter shalbe made afoze them of the same othe by any person or persons commynge afoze them to take the same othe. And that euery suche certificat to be made by suche commissioners, as is aforesaide, shall be taken as stronge and as auailable in the lawe, as an inditement of xii. men lawfully founden of the said refusell. So that the person and persons, agaynste whome any such certificate shalbe made, shalbe compelled to answer thereunto, as if they were indited. And that such procelle, iudgement, execution & euery other thing shalbe had, vsed, & ministred of and vpon euery suche certificat against the offendours, as if thei had ben lawfully indited of such offences by the due cours and order of the common lawes of this realme.

An acte concerning the payment of first frutes of all dignities, benefices and promotions spiritual, and also concernynge one annuel pencion of the .x. parte of all the possessions of the churche spiritual & temporall, graunted to the kynges highnes & his heires. ca. iii.

EOr as muche as it is and of very duetie ought to be the natural inclinacion of all good people, lyke most faithfull louyng, and obedient subiectes, sincerely and willynge to desyre to prouide, not onely for the publike weale of their natue countrey, but also for the supportacion maintenaunce and defence of the royall astate of their most dread benigne and gracious soueraine lord, vpon whom and in whom dependeth all their ioy and welthe: in whome also is vnited and knitte so princely a harte and courage, mixed with mercy wisdom and iustice. And also a naturall affection ioynded to the same, as by the great inestimable & beneuolent argumentes therof being moste bountifullly largely and many times shewed, ministred, & approued towarde his louyng & obedient subiectes, hath well appered: whiche requireth a lyke correspondencie of gratitude to be considered, according to their most bounden dueties. Wherefore his saide humble and obedient subiectes, as well the lordes spirituall and temporall, as the commons in this present parliament assembled, callyng to their remembraunce, not onely the manyfold and innumerable benefites, dayly administred by his highnesse of them all, and to the residue to all other his subiectes of this realme: But also how longe time his maiestie hath most victoriously, by his hygh wysedome and policie, protected, defended, and gouerned this his realme, and maintained his people and subiectes of the same in tranquillite, peace, vnitie, quietnes & welth. And also considerynge what greate excessive and inestimable charges his highnes hath heretofore bene at and susteyned by the space of fyve and twentie whole yeres, and also dayly susteyneth for the maintenaunce tui-

tion and defence of this his realme, and his louinge subiectes of the same, which can not be sustained and bozne without some honourable prouision and remedy may be made founde, prouided and ordeined for maintenance therof. Do therfore desire and most humbly pray, that for the more suretie of continuance and augmentation of his highnesse royal estate, beyng not onely now recognised (as he alwayes in dede heretofore hath been) the only supreme head in earth next and immediately vnder god of the church of England, but also their most assured and vndouted naturall soueraigne liege lord and kynge, hauyng the whole gouernaunce tuicion defence and maintenance of this his realme and most louing obedient subiectes of the same. It may therfore be ordeined and enacted by his highnesse, and the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, in maner and fourme folowynge.

¶ That is to say, that the kynges highnesse, his heyres and successours kynges of this realme, shall haue and enioy from time to time to endure for euer, of every suche person and persons, whiche at any time after the first day of Januarie next commynge shall be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated or by any other meanes appointed to haue any Archebischopriche, Bischopriche, Abbacie, Monastarie, Priorie, College, Hospital, Archdeaconry, Deanry, Prouostship, prebende, parsonage, vicarage, Chauntry, freechapell, or other dignitie benefice office or promotion spiritual within this realme, or els where within any of the kinges dominions of what name nature or qualitie soeuer they be, or to whose foundation patronage or giftes so euer they belong, the first frutes, reuenues and profits for one yere of every suche archebischopriche, bishopriche, abbacy monastarie, priorie, college, hospital, archdeaconry, deanry, prouostship, prebende, parsonage, vicarage, chauntry, freechappel, or other dignitie, benefice, office or promotion spiritual afore named, wher vnto any such person or persons shall after the said first day of January be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed. And that every suche person and persones, before any actuaill or reall possession, or medling with the profits of any such archebischopriche, bishopriche, abbacie, monastarie, college, hospital, deanry, prouostship, prebende, parsonage, vicarage, chauntry, freechapel, priorie, or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promotion spiritual, shall satisfie contente and pay, or compounde or agree to pay to the kinges vse at reasonable daies, vpon good sureties, the sayde first frutes and profits for one yere.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie afore said, that the Chancellour of England and maister of the Rolles for the time beyng, soynely and seuerally, or suche other persone and persones, as shall please the kynges highnes, his heires or successours from time to time, at his or their pleasure, to name and depute by commission or commissions vnder the greafe seal, shall haue power and auctoritie as well to examine and seeke for the true and true value of the said first frutes and profits by all lawfull and meanes

HENRICI OCTAVI.

meanes that they can, as to compounde and agree for the rate of the sayde first frutes and profites: as to stall and limite reasonable dayes of pay- ment therof vpon good and sufficient suertie or sureties, by writings obli- gatorie by thei^r discretions. And if composicioⁿ or agreement be had or made for the said first frutes before the said lord Chauncellour or maister of the Rolles, that than the writings obligatorie or money taken for the same, shal rest remaine and abide in the hanaper of the kinges chauncerie, there saufely to be kept to the kynges vse, and the money to be due of suche wri- tinges obligatorie, or to be receiued in hande by reason of any suche com- posicion, shal be payde in the saide hanaper, to the clerke of the hanaper for the time beinge. And that the said clerke of the hanaper shal make a trewe and a iust accompte therof like as he is bounde to do of the money receiued of the profittes of the kinges great seale. And if composicion or agreement be had or made for the said first frutes, afoze any other persone or persons to be deputed by the kinges highnes, his heires or successours by commis- sion vnder his great seale, that than the writings obligatorie and money taken for the same, shal be deliuered to the treasurer of the kynges moste honourable chaumber for the time beinge, or elles where, to whom it shal please the kinges highnes his heires or successours, to giue auctoritie by commission vnder the great seale, to receiue the same.

¶ And it is also ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that euery writinge of acquitaunce subscribed with the hande and name of the clerke of the hanaper, or treasurer of the chaumber or other commissioners afoze sayd, or any of them, witnessing the receipte of the sayd first frutes or any parte therof, shal be as good and effectuell againste the kynges highnesse, his heires and successours, to euery person and persons, hauinge the same for so muche money as shal be mencioned to be receyued and conteyned in euery such acquitaunce, as if suche acquitaunce were or had bene lawefully had and opteyned in the kinges name vnder the kinges greute seale, and so shal be admitted accepted and allowed and taken in euery of the kynges courtes. And that all writings obligatorie to be taken for payment of the saide firste frutes by and afoze the said lord Chauncellour, or maister of the Rolles, or by and afoze any other person or persones to be deputed to com- pounde and agree for the saide first frutes, as is aforesayde, shal be of the same strength force vertue qualitie and effect to all intentes and purposes as writings obligatorie heretofore made by any lay person by auctoritie of the statute of the Staple bene. And that vpon certificat hereafter to be made into the kinges chauncery of any suche writings obligatorie to be taken for paymente of suche firste frutes, lyke proceste and execution shal be ther vpon made and had against any person spirituall or tempozall, as hath ben accustomed to be made against any lay person vpon certificat of writings obligatorie of the said statute of the Staple. And that no persō shal be compelled to pay for any writing obligatorie to be made for the said paymente of the sayde firste frutes aboue, writte, nor for any acquitaunce to be

to be made for receipte of such first frutes above. iiii. d. And that such person and persons as shalbe deputed by the kynges highnesse by commissi-
 on vnder the great seale, to compounde and agre for the sayd first frutes,
 shal at the end of every. vi. monethes next after the date of their commissi-
 on and so from. vi. monethes to. vi. monethes, delyuer or cause to be delivered
 vnto the treasurer of the chamber, for the time being, or els where, to such
 commissioners as shalbe appointed, as is aforesaid, to receiue the same, as
 well all such money as all such specialties and bondes, as they shal haue
 taken for the paiement of the saide first frutes by indenture to be made be-
 twene them and the saide treasurer, or other commissioners, as is afore-
 sayd, conteynynge the certaintie and number of the sommes of money, and
 specialties and bondes by them taken and receiued. And if any person or
 persons, to whome any deputacion shalbe made by commission, to com-
 pound and agree for the paiement of the said first frutes, their heires, ex-
 ecutours, or administratours, concele or imbecil any of the said specialties
 or bondes, taken for the sure payment of the saide first frutes, and doe not
 deliuer them according to the tenour of this acte, that then euery such of-
 fendour shal forsaite that office of deputacion, and ouer that make fine and
 ransome at the kynges owne pleasure and wil. And it was also enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that if any person or persons
 which at any tyme after the saide firste daye of January, shal bee nomina-
 ted, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes apointed
 to any of the dignities, offices, benefices, or other promotions spiritual be-
 fore mencioned, doe enter into the actuall and reall possessions thereof, or
 meddel with the profites thereof, before they shal haue truely satisfied and
 payde to the kynges vse the firste frutes and profites thereof for one yere, or
 els shal haue agreed or compounded for paiement of the same at reasonable
 daies vppon good sureties, in maner and fourme as by this acte is aboue
 especified, that than euery such person and persones, so doyng and offen-
 dinge, and being thereof conuicted by presentment, verдите, confession, or wit-
 nes before the said lord Chancellor, or such other as shal haue auctori-
 tie by commission to compound for the said first frutes and profites as is
 aforesaid, shalbe accepted & taken as entrebinder vppon the kynges posses-
 si- on. And that they theyr executours or administratours, shal pay to the vse
 of the kynges highnes for euery such offence, so muche summes of money,
 as shal amounte to the double value of the saide first frutes and profites
 of such dignities benefices or other spiritual promotions wherein they shal
 so entre and entrebinder before the paiement of the said first frutes and pro-
 fits for one yere thereof, or before due agremente made for the same, in ma-
 ner and fourme as is aboue reherfed. And be it further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the firste frutes
 of benefices heretofore accustomed to bee payde to the bishop of Norwiche
 within the dioces, and to the archdeacon of Richmond within his arche-
 deanry, or to any other person or persons within this realme, or any other
 the

HENRICIOCTAVI.

Whe kynges dominions, shal from the said first day of January cesse and be extinct, and no lenger be payde, but onely to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, in such fourme, as is aboue mencioned in this acte.

Provided also, that archebyschoppes and byschoppes, and all other having iurisdiction ordinary, maye geue and deliuer letters of institution and induction, as they might do before the making of this acte without any offence of any article contained in this acte: any thing in this acte contained to the contrary therof notwithstandinge.

Provided also, that where there be diuers celles apperteyning to monasteries & priories, and that the priours of such celles be named & removable from time to time, at the only willes & pleasures of their masters & souveraines of the monasteries and priories, wherunto such celles belong, that the priours of such celles, shal not be compelled to paye any first frutes, by vertue or auctoritie of this acte: any thing in this acte contained to the contrary therof notwithstanding: but that the first frutes & profits of every such cel shalbe paid to the kynges highnes, his heires & successours, whensoever & as often as any person shalbe nominated, elected, preferred, or collated to the monasterie or priorie, wherunto such celles belongen.

And ouer this be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours kings of this realme, for more augmentacion and maintenaunce of the roial estate of his imperiall crowne and dignitie of supreme head of the church of Englande, shal verely haue take and enioy, and receiue united & knit to his imperiall crowne for euer, one verely rent or pension, amounting to the value of the tenth part of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes, tithes offeringes, emolumentes, & of all other profittes, as wel called spiritual as temporal, now apperteyninge or belonging, or that hereafter shal belong to any archebischopriche, bischopriche, abbacie, monasterie, priorie, archedeaconrie, deaconrie, hospitall, college, house, collegiate, prebende, cathedrall Church, collegiate church, conuentual Church, personage, vicarage, chauntrie, free chapell, or other benefice or promocion spiritual, of what name, nature, or qualitie soever they be, within any dioces of this realme or in wales, the said pension or annuel rent, to be verely payde for euer to our said soueraine lord, to his heires and successours kings of this realme, at the feast of the Natiuitie of our lord god, and the first payment thereof to begyn at the feast of the Natiuitie of our lord god, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M.D. xxxv. And to be payde verely by such as shalbe appointed to haue the collection thereof by this acte, in suche maner and fourme as shal hereafter be limited by this acte, before the first day of Aprill verely next folowynge, after the saide feast of the Natiuitie of our lord.

And it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaide, that the sayde verely rent and pension shalbe taxed, rated, leuied, perceiued, and payed to the kynges vse, his heires and successours, in maner and fourme hereafter to be declared by this acte. That is to say, that the Chauncellour of Eng-

lande

lande for the time being, shall haue power & auctorite to directe into euery dioces in this realme and in wales, several commissions in the kings name vnder his great seale, as well to the archebischop or byshoppe of euery such dioces, as to such other persone or persones, as the kinges highnes shall name and appoint, commaunding and auctorizing the said commissioners for to be named in euery such commission, or thre of them at the least, to examine, seeke and enquire by all the waies & meanes that they can by thore discretions, of and for the true and iust, hole and entier perely values of all the manours, landes, tenements, hereditaments, rentes, tithes, offerings, emolumentes, and al other profites, as wel spiritual as temporall, apperteyning or belonging to any archebischopriche, bisshopriche, abbacie, monastery, priorie, archdeaconry, deanry, hospitall, college, house, collegiate, prebende, cathedral church, collegiate church, conuentual church, personage, vicarage, chaunterie, free chapel, or to any other benefice or promotion spiritual within the limittes of their commissiõ, with a clause to be contained in euery such commissiõ, that the said commissioners, or thre of them at the least, shall deducte and allow in the makinge and ratinge of the sayde perely values of the premises, these deductions folowing and none other. That is to say, the rentes resolute to the chiefe lordes, and al other annual and perpetual rentes and charges, which any spiritual person or persons ben bounden perely to pay to any person or persons, to their heires or successours for euer, or to geue perely in almes by reason of any foundation or ordinance, and all fees for stewardes receiuers, bailiffes, and auditours and sinodes, and priories, with another clause to be also contained in euery such commissiõ, that the said commissioners, or thre of them at the least, shall certifie vnder their seales at such daies, as shall be limited by the said commissions, aswel the hole and entiere value, as the deductions aforesaid of euery archebischopriche, bisshopriche, abbacie, monastery, priory, archdeaconry, deanry, hospitall, college, house, collegiate, prebend, cathedral church, collegiate church, conuentual church, personage, vicarage, chaunterie, free chapel, and of all other benefices and promotions spiritual.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the said commissioners, that shall be so appointed, or thre of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctoritee to do, accomplishe, and execute the effectes and contentes of their saide commissions in euery behalfe: And that euery the said commissioners, before they shall execute their said commissiõ, shall receiue & take a corporall othe before the lord Chauncellour, or before such other as shall be appointed by the said Chauncellour, by the kinges writ of *Dedimus potestatem*, that they shall diligently & truly without fauoure affectiõ fraude couyn mede drede or corrupciõ, do fulfill and execute the hole effectes and contents expessed in euery such commissiõ within the limittes thereof, to their cuning wittes and vttermost of their powers.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted by auctorite aforesayde, that after suche Certificate made by the said commissioners, the saide perely rent and pension

HENRIC OCTAVI.

tion of the tenth parte shalbe sette taxed rated and taken iustly and truly and indifferently by the Treasorer, Chauncellour, Chamberlaine and Barons of the kynges Eschequire, of and oute of the cleare yerely value of the premisses, that shal be aboue the Deductions afore mencyned, and none other wyse. And that euery archebischopriche, byschopriche, abbacie, monasterie, priorie, archdeaconrie, Deanrie, hospital, college, house collegiate, prebende, cathedral churche, collegiate churche, conuentuall churche, personage, vicarage, chauntrie, free chapel or other benefice or promocion spiritual, shalbe severally and distinctly taxed charged and chargeable in the proper dioces where they bene, for the payment of such porcion of the saide tenth parte, as shalbe taxed and sette vpon them by auctoritie of this act. That is to say, euery of them by and for them selves, shalbe taxed, charged, and chargeable in the proper dioces, where they ben, for the tenth parte of the yearely value of their possessions and profites to them belongynge, where soeuer their said possessions and profites shal happen to be or lie in any part of this realme, or els where, in any the kynges dominions, & that none of them shalbe charged or chargeable for the paymente of the others charge or porcion.

¶ And it is also enacted by auctoritie afore saide, that after suche certificat made into the kynges Eschequire, and taxe sette of the tenth part, in forme aboue remembred, euery archebischop and byshoppe now beinge, and that hereafter shalbe charged and chargeable, to leuy, collecte, & receiue within their proper dioces, aswel in places exempte, as not exempt, all suche summes of money, wherwith the dignitees, benefices, and other promocyons spiritual afore mencioned within their dioces, chargeably by this act, shal be sette taxed and charged towarde the paymente of the saide yerely pension, and shal pay and content the said summes of money yerely, before the said first day of April, to the Treasorer of the kynges chamber, for the time being, or to any other person or persons, whome it shal please the kynges highnes to appoint to receiue the same. And that euery of the said archbishops and bishops, their executours and administratours, and the possessions of their dignitees and churches, shal stande charged and chargeable for the same and true payment of such summes of money, as they shal collect and receiue of the said yerely rent and pension.

¶ And that the Treasorer, Chauncellour, Chamberlaine, & Barons of the kynges eschequire, shal yerely cause proces to be made by their discrecions for none payment of the saide pension or yerely rente, or any parcell thereof, against euery archbishop and bishop of this realme, that is to say, against euery archbishop and bishop, for so muche parte and porcion of the sayde pension and yerely rent, wherwith the dignitees, benefices, & other promocyons spiritual afore mencioned within the dioces, shalbe taxed and charged, so that euery of the said archbishops and bishops, shalbe charged and chargeable for the rate and porcion of the said yerely rent and pension, sette and taxed within his owne peculiar dioces, and none other wise.

And

And be it also enacted by auctoritee aforesayde, that every archbishoppe and bishop, shal haue power and auctoritee to leuie take and perceyue by auctoritee of censures of the church, or by distresse, or otherwise by their discrecion, all suche summes of money as shalbe rated taxed and set to go out of the landes tenementes hereditaments profits and emoluments of any dignitee, office, benefice, or other place or promotion spiritual within their dioces, towardes the payment of the said perely rent and pension, and that no repleuin prohibition nor Superseas vpo any excommunicacion, nor any other writte or impediment shalbe sued allowed or obeyed for any person or persons, making default of payment of such parte & porcion, as they shalbe rated and taxed vnto by auctoritee of this acte, till such time as they haue truely satisfied their sayde parte and porcion to them allotted of the saide perely rent and pension.

And it is also enacted by auctoritee aforesaide, that when so ever and as often as any of the archbishopriche or bishopriche happen to bee voide, that then the deane and chapiter of the cathedral church, or the priour and conuente, or chapiter, or conuente of the monastery or cathedral Church, where the See of such archbishopriche or bishopriche, being voide, shal happen to be, during the time of the vacacion thereof, and their executors administrators and possessions shalbe charged and chargeable to do and cause to be done all and every thinge and thinges for the due executions of this acte, within the dioces of suche archbishopriche or bishopriche being voide, as the same archbishop or bishop of the See beinge voide, should haue done, accoꝝdꝝng as it is limited and appointed by this act, or by any thing therein contained.

And it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that if any summe of money beinge ones due by any incumbent of any of the dignitees, benefices, or promotions spirituall afoze specified, charged to the payment of the sayd perely pension and annuel rent, be reasonably demaunded and required any time after the saide feast of the Natiuitie of our lord, at their dignities, monasteries, priories, hospitals, colleges, churches, chanteries, or houses by the archbishop, or bishop, or suche as shalbe charged with the collection of any parte of the saide pension, or by any other their ministers seruantes, or officers, to paye suche porcion of the saide pension and perely rent, as they shalbe taxed and assessed, be not truely content and payde vnto suche archbishop or bishop, or their ministers and officers, or to suche other person or persons, or their ministers, or seruantes, as shal haue the charge of collection thereof, every yere perely at the time of such request and demaunde thereof, or els within forty daies next after every suche requeste at the furthest, that then every incumbente, makinge suche default of payment, after suche default thereof certified into the kinges eschequire in writing vnder the seales of any archbishop or bishoppe, or of such as be limited & charged to the collection of the said pension by this act, shalbe adiudged depriued Ipso facto, of all such dignities, benefices, pensions, and promotions

HENRICI OCTAVI.

cions spiritual, as any suche incumbent makynge suche defaulte, shal have at the time of suche certificate to be made, or at any time after. So that all suche dignities, benefices, pension, and promotions spiritual, which any incumbent makynge such defaulte of paymente, shal have at the time of any such certificate to be made, or at any time after, shalbe clerely voided & destitute of incumbent in the law to al intentes and purposes, as if such incumbent makynge such defaulte of payment, were dede in dede.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted, by auctoritie aforesaide, that if any archbishop or bishop, or any other limited and charged by this acte, to the collection and paiement of the saide pension and annuel rente, doo make a certificat into the kynges eschequire, before the said first day of April, or at any time within foure & twentie daies next after the sayd first day of April that they accordyng to this acte, haue resonable required and demaunded any incumbent of any dignitie, benefice, or promotion spiritual, chargeable by this acte to pay such parte and porcion of the sayde pension and annuel ret, as they shal happen to be assessed vnto, and that such incumbent, so being required, hath not payde his sayde parte and porcion, accordyng to the fourme and effect of this acte, that then euery such archebyschoppe and bishoppe and euery other personne, haupnge the charge by this acte, for collection and payment of the sayd pension and annuell rente, vpon euery such certificate, shal be discharged and acquitted for ever against the kyng, his heires and successours, of and for all suche sommes of money, as any suche incumbente, against whome suche certificate shalbe made, should or ought to haue payde by this acte: And that then in euery such case the Treasorer Chauncellour, Chamberlaine, and Barons of the kynges Eschequire, shal deuise and directe vpon euery suche certificate, suche procelle out of the kynges Eschequire, against euery suche incumbente, against whom any such certificate, shalbe made and their executours and administratours, or for insufficiencie of them, against the successours of euery suche incumbente, whereby the kynges highnesse, his heires and successours shal and may bee truely answered, payde, and contented of suche porcion and parte as the incumbente, against whome any suche certificate shalbe made, was taxed, and assessed for his dignities, benefices, or promotions spiritual, chargeably by this acte.

¶ And it is also ordeined and enacted, by auctoritie aforesayde, that al manner of acquitaunces made by the treasorer of the kynges chaumbre, or by any other suche comissioners, as shal be appointed, as is aforesayde, to receiue the sayde pension, or any part therof, and subscribed with the name of the sayde Treasorer, or any other suche commissioner for the payment of the sayde pension or annuell rente, or any parte therof, to any suche person persons as be limited and charged with the collection therof, shal be of as good strength force vertue and effecte to the parties, haupng the same, as if they were made in the kynges name vnder his greate seale, and so shal be allowed, admitted, and accepted in all courtes of this realme: And that

the treasorer, Chauncellour, Chamberlayne, and Barons of the kynges Eschequer, shall by vertue and auctoritie of this acte, as well admit and allowe suche acquitances, as all suche Certificates as shalbe made against any incumbent for default of payment, as is aboue sayd, vpon the accompt of euery archebysshop and bishop, and of euery other person limited and charged by this acte, for the collection and paymente of the sayde pension and annuell rente, without any writte, byll, or warrant to be sued in or for that behalfe. And that no maner of officer of the kynges Eschequier shal take of any archebysshop or bishop, or of any other persons, hauing charge with the collection and payment of the sayde pension or annuell rente, any maner rewarde or thynge for makynge their accompte or *Quietus est* in the same eschequire, or for any maner of thynge apperteynyng to the same concernyng the saide pension and annuell rente, vpon peine of euery officer doynge contrary to this acte, to lose and forsaite his office, and make fine to the kyng at his will and pleasure.

And for as much as euery incumbent of the dignities benefices and promotions spirituall afoze mencioned, shall be charged by this acte to the payment of the .x. parte of the value of theyr dignities benefices and promotions spirituall, without any deduction or allowance of suche pension or pensions, wherewith some of them ben charged to pay theyr predecessours, durynge theyr liues, or to other personnes to the vse of suche theyr predecessours durynge their liues, it is therfore ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie afoze sayde, that it shalbe lawfull to euery incumbent, charged with any suche pension, payable to any his predecessours, or to and to his vse, to reteine and kepe in his hande the tenth parte of euery suche pension: And that euery suche incumbente and his sureties, shall from henceforth bee acquitted and discharged of the sayde tenth parte of euery suche pension, by vertue and auctoritie of this presente acte, any decree or ordinance or assignement of any suche ordinarie, or any colaterall writting or suertie made for such pension to any spiritual person or persons, or to any to their vses for terme of their liues, in any wise notwithstanding. And that as well euery incumbent as such persons as stande bounden for him, for payment of any suche pensions, shall pleade this acte in euery of the kynges courtes, for the clere extinguishment and discharge of the .x. parte of euery such pension.

And be it also ordeyned and enacted by auctoritie afoze sayde, that no pension shall hereafter bee assigned by the ordinarie, or by any other maner of agreemente by colaterall suretie, or other wyse, vppon any resignacion of any dignitie, benefice or promotion, spirituall, aboue the value of the thyrde parte of the dignitie, benefice, or promotion spirituall resigned: And if any pension, amountynge aboue the value of the thirde parte of the dignitie benefice or promotion spiritual heretofore resigned, be all redie limited and made sure to any spiritual person

HENRIC OCTAVI.

or personnes, by decree of the ordinarie, or other wise by any collateral suretie, or here after shall happen to be assigned and made sure to any person or personnes spirituall, or to any other to their vse, by decree of the ordinarie, or by any other collateral suretie, vpon any resignation therof, yet nevertheless the incumbent charged with suche pension, nor his sureties collateral, shall not be compelled to pay any more pension than the value of the thirde parte of his dignitie, benefice, or promotion spirituall, so resigned shall mounte vnto: but shall, by auctoritie of this acte, be clerely acquitted and discharged of so much of the sayde pension, as shall amounte aboue the value of the thirde parte of the dignitie or benefice resigned: any decree or assignement of the ordinarie, or any collateral writings or sureties heretofore made or hereafter to be had or made for the same, to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ And for as much as diuers abbottes & priours ben charged to pay great pensions to sondrie their predecessours yet liuing, to the great decay of their hospitalities and house keepng: Be it enacted by auctozitie aforesaid, that euery suche predecessour of suche abbottes or priours, hauyng any pension made sure vnto them, or to any to their vse duryng their liues, amounting aboue the yerely value of .xl. li. shall from henceforth be defalked and abated of the moitie and halfe deale of euery suche pension. And that euery abbotte and all other persons charged for the payment of suche pension, aboue the said yerely value of .xl. li. shall be clerely acquitted and discharged by auctoritie of this act of the moitie and halfe deale therof for euer. Any decree or assignement therof by the ordinarie, or any writyng or suretie collateral had or made for the suretie therof notwithstanding.

¶ And for as muche as the lord priour of sainte Johns of Iherusalem in Englande, and his bzetherne be not specially named and expessed in this acte, wherby ambiguitie mought arise, whether they shuld be comprised within the limittes of this acte, it is therfore for plaine declaracion thereof enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery person and persons, whiche after the sayd first day of Januarie, shall happen to be nominated, elected, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted to the dignitie of the said priour of sainte Johns of Iherusalem in Englande, or to any commaundry apperteynyng vnto the same, shall before their actual and real entre into the same dignitie or commaundrie, or medling with the profits thereof, satisfie, and pay to the vse of the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, the first frutes and profittes therof for one whole yere, or agree or compound for the same at reasonable daies, in like maner and forme, and vpo like petn in euery behalfe, as archebischoppes and bischoppes, and other spirituall persons ben bounde to, by vertue and auctoritie of this acte. And that also the priour of sainte Johns now beynge, and his successours, and euery of his bzetherne, hauyng any commaundry, and their successours, shall contribute, and pay yerely to the kynges highnes, his heires and successours, one yerely rente and pension amounting to the tenth part of al their

possessions and profits as well spirituall as temporal: And shal be charged, rated, taxed, and set to the contribution and payment of the saide tenth parte. And that also the said tenth parte shalbe leuied, collected, and payde in such like maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as the tenth parte of other dignities and benefices spirituall shal be charged, taxed, set, leuied, collected, and paid by auctoritie of this acte.

¶ And for as much as in sondry and many cathedrall churches, colleges, and hospitalles of this realme, there is and time out of mynde hath ben certayne ordinaunces instituted and made, wherby the Deane, Prouoste, maister or other chiefe gouernour of such churches, colleges, and hospitalles hath a certayne parte and porcion of the possessions and profits belongyng to suche church, colleges, and hospitalles, all onely limited and belongyng to their offices and dignities: And euery prebendarie, brother vicare, felowe, petie canon, and other ministers spirituall in suche churches, colleges, and hospitalles, hath an other porcion, all onely and distinctly limited, apperteynyng and belongyng to their dignities and offices in suche churches, hospitalles, and colleges: it is therefore provided and ordeined by auctoritie aforesayd, that such person and personnes, whiche at any time after the sayde first day of January, shalbe nominated elected, presented, preferred, collated, or by other meanes appointed to be Deane, Prouoste, maister, or other chiefe gouernour of suche cathedrall churches, colleges, or hospitalles, shal be rated compounde and paye for their first frutes, but onely after the rate of the yerely valewe of the possessions and profits limited and belongyng to theyr office and dignitie. And that euery other person and person, that after the saide first day of Januarie shal be nominated, elected, presented, preferred, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to haue any prebende, brothership felowship, or to be any vicare or petie canon, or to haue any other dignitie or office spirituall in any suche cathedrall churches, colleges, or hospitalles, shal be rated compounde and pay for their first frutes after the rate of the yerely valewe of the possessions and profits limited and belongyng to their dignities and offices in such churches, colleges, and hospitalles, and none otherwise. Any thyng in this acte to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alwaies, that suche person or personnes, that after the sayde first day of Januarie, shal be presented and collated to any personage or vicarage, wherof the yerely value shal not excede eight markes shal not be compelled to pay any first frutes for any suche personage or vicarage, where vnto they shal be presented or collated, not beyng aboue the sayde yerely value of eight markes: Excepte that the incumbent presented or collated to suche personage or vicarage, wherof the yerely value shal not excede eight markes, doo liue thre yeres nexte and immediately folowynge after his institution, induction, or collacion, to suche personage or vicarage. And if suche incumbent do liue after the sayde thre yeres, then

HENRICI OCTAVI.

then he or his executours or administratours shall pay at dayes to be ly-
mitted after the saide yerres upon sureties (as is aforesaid) the first frutes
of euery suche personage and vicarage. And that in euery obligacion to
be made by any incumbent of suche personage or vicarage and his suerties
for payment of the first frutes of such personage or vicarage, there shall be
contained a prouiso, that if the sayd incumbent die within .iii. yerres next af-
ter the date of the institucion, induction, or collacion of the sayd personage
or vicarage, that then the obligacion shall be void and of none effecte. Any
thyng in this acte to the contrary herof notwithstanding.

¶ And ouer this where the clergie of the prouince of Caunterbury in their
conuocacion haue graunted vnto the kynges highnes one hundred thou-
sande poundes, and the clergie of the prouince of yorke .xviii. thousande,
eight hundred, fortie pounde .x. s. to be payde by euen porcions in fve ye-
res, and that whiche coulde not be leuied therof in the same .v. yerres, to be
payde in the sixte yere, as by the tenour of their seuerall grauntes thereof
made in their seuerall conuocacions moze plainly appereth: It may please
the kinges maiestie, of his excellent goodnes, in consideracio that the said
perely pension and annuell rente shall be perely from hysforth duely paid
and satisfied to his highnesse, and to his heires and successours, accordyng
to the tenour fourme, purpote and effect of this presente acte, that it may
be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliamente, that the clergie of the
sayde prouince of Caunterbury, and euery of them, shall be discharged and
acquited against our said soueraygne lord, his heires, and successours of
and for the twentie thousande pounde, parcel of the sayde .C. M. li. which
should be payde in the .v. yere of payment limitted by their graunte: And
that the clergie of the sayd prouince of yorke shall likewise be discharged &
acquited of and for all such sommes of money, parcel of the sayd .xviii. M.
CCC. xl. li. x. s. whiche should be payde in the .v. yere of payment limit-
ted by theyr graunte: any thyng in their sayd seuerall grauntes thereof
made in any wyse not withstanding.

¶ Provided alwaies, that all the residue of sommes of money, whiche be
yet to be paid, and not released nor discharged by this acte, shall be truly
paid and satisfied to our said soueraygne lord, his heires or successours,
accordyng to the tenour, fourme, & effecte of theyr sayd seuerall grauntes.

¶ Provided also, that all suche fees, whiche any archebysshop, byshop, ab-
bot, priour, or other prelate of the church is bounden perely to pay to any
Chauncellour, maister of the Rolles, Justices, shiriffes, or other officers,
or ministers of recorde, for temporall Justice to be done or ministred both
in their dioces or iurisdiccions, shall be allowed and deducted by the commis-
sioners aforesayde, in & upon the valuation of the dignities monasteries
priories or churches chargeable with suche fees: Any thyng in this acte
to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

An acte for punishment of periurie of Jurours in the
lordships marchers in wales. Cap.iiii.



Where for lacke of diligent and sure custodie of Jurours
sworne for trials of murders, felons, and accessaries of fe-
lonies and murders in wales, & the marches of the same,
diuers adherentes freendes and kinsfolkes to suche offen-
dours haue resorted to the same iurours, & haue suborned
them to acquite diuers murderers felons and accessaries,
openly & notoriously known, contrary to equitie and iustice: It is there-
fore enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the lordes spirituall
and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled,
and by the auctoritie of the same, that forthwith vpon the charge geuen to
any inquest hereafter to be taken & sworne before any Iusticiar, Steward
Lieutenante, or other officer within wales or the marches of the same,
of for and vpon any trauers against the kyng, or the triall of any recog-
nisaunce broken, or any other forfaiture forfeited to the kyng, or of for
and vpon the triall of any murderer felon or accessarie of felony or mur-
der, one officer or other personne shall bee deputed and sworne in the pre-
sence of the sayd iusticiar or other officer for the trewe and diligent keeping
of the same iurours: And that the same officers or other person so sworne
without the speciall commaundement of the said iusticiar or other officer,
shall not do or suffre to be ministred to the same iurours any bzead drinke
or meate, fire or light, nor shall suffre the same Jurours to speake to any
person or persons, nor the same officer or other person sworne, without the
commaundement aforesayde, shall not speake to the sayd iurours, but on-
ly to demaunde of them of their agreement, vnto suche time as the same
iurours shall haue giuen their verdite, any vsage or custome heretofore vs-
ed to the contrary notwithstanding: And if the same officer or other perso
so sworne in forme aforesaid, do not execute and accomplishe the premisses
in the othe before reherfed in euery pointe and article, than the same officer
or other person so sworne shall be punished and imprisoned, and make fine
and ransome to the kynges highnesse by the discrecion of the sayde Iusti-
ciar, Stewarde, Lieutenante, or other officer.

And also be it enacted by thaurtoritie aforesaide, that if the same iurours
do acquite any suche felon, murderer, or accessary, vpon whose triall they
shal be charged, or giue any vntreue verdite against the kyng, vpon the tri-
all of any trauers recognisaunce or other forfaiture, contrary to good and
pregnaunte euidence ministred to them by persons sworne before the sayde
Iusticiar, Steward, Lieutenant, or other officer, or that the said iurours
or any of them do eate drinke or speake to or with any other person or per-
sons, then to such as be sworne with them, or otherwise misdemeane them-
selles after they be sworne, and before they haue giuen theyr verdite, that
then the lord presidente, and other of the counsaile of the marches for the
time

HENRICI OCTAVI.

time being, upon the notice or complaint thereof to them made, shall not only have power & auctoritie by this present acte to call suche iurours before them, but also the same Justiciar, Steward, or other officer, afore whom any suche acquital, vntrewe verdict, or misdemeanour shall happen to be made, shall have full power and auctoritie to compell suche iurours and euery of them upon peine of imprisonment to be bounden by recognisance in a certaine summe of money, by theyr discrecion to be lymitted, that the same iurours and euery of them shall personally appere at a certaine daye, by the same Justiciar, Steward, or other officer to be lymitted before the lord president, and other of the counsaile aforesayde, for the tyme beinge; then and there to abide and stand to suche direction and order, as the same counsaile shall make ordeine and decree of in and vpon the same. And that the same counsaile shall ther vpon have auctoritie and power by examinacion or other wyse, to here and determine all and euery suche cause, and shall have like auctoritie to commit euery of the same iurours to prison, or other punishment, as shall be thought mooste mete by the discrecion of the sayde counsaile, or otherwise assesse or take euery such iurour to his fine or ransom by the same discrecion, to be payed and leuied of theyr landes, goodes and cattalles to the vse of the kynges highnes.

An act that keepers of ferries on the water of Seuerne shall not conuey in their ferie boates any manner of person goodes or cattalles after the son goynge downe, tyl the son be vp. ca. v.

Wheras alsmuche as daily dyuers felonies, robberyes, and murders bene many tymes committed and done in the countie of Glouc. and Somerset, in the parties nexte adioyning vnto the water, called the water of Seuerne betwene Englande and Southwales, and after suche murders and felonies done, the said robbers felons and murderers, with the saide goodes so robbed and stolen make there conueyance with the said goodes so stolen, by night at dyuers passages or ferries ouer the said ryuer or water, as the passages of Iuste, Tremelaude, Wynton, Arlingham, Rowenham, Bozlesdes, Poynste, and all such other lyke passages ouer the sayde ryuer into Southwales, or in to the forest called the forest of Dene, also adioyning to the same water. And whan they be ouer the sayd water, than the goodes so stolen be by dyuers priuileges there kepte, al be it the owner and owners haue trewe and perite knowledge therof, yet they be robbed and spoiled bee withoute remedie for to obtayne their sayde goodes so stolen, and so that the secrete and fodelne conueyance by night of the sayde goodes ouer the saide ferries and passages dothe not onely greatly encourage dyuers persones to come out of the parties of Southwales to steale robbe and murder dyuers persons

sons in their houses in the said counties ioyninge, vpon the sayde borders of wales, but also causeth many robberyes and felonies in sondry wayes to be committed and done vpon the saide border nere adioynynge to the same ryuer, to the greate damnge and hurte of the kinges subiectes, inhabitinge there, onelesse some remedy therfore be prouyded. It may therfore please the kynge our soueraygne lord, and the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same to enacte, that euery person or persons, takyng vpon hym or them to haue and kepe any of the sayde passages, or any other passages vpon Seuerne aforesaide, from hensforth do not conuey nother cary with any maner barge, bote, or other vessel, any person or personnes with horses, mares, oxen, kye, or any other cattal, nor no other person or persons before the tyme of the sonne ryfinge in the mornynge, and after the tyme of the sonne beyng gone downe at nighte, vppon peyne of imprisonmente and fine to sette on him that shall so conueygh or cary ouer any of the saide passages of the sayde ryuer of Seuerne oute of Englande into wales, or the forest of Dene, or oute of wales, or the saide forest of Dene into Englande, oneles the said passangers and euery of them haue good knowledg of such person and personnes, and of theyr dwellinge places, and vppon request to them made by any persone or persons to disclose the name and the dwellinge place of euery suche person or persons, so by them conueied ouer the saide water, to any such person or persons requirynge the same, if suite be made for and after them vppon any blutrie, hute, or frellhe suite of or for any felonie, robberie, murder, and manslaughter, commytted and done from hensforth. And that the kynes Justiciars of peace within euery the said counties of Glouc. and Somersset, at theyr quarter sessions, shall haue full power and auctoritie to call before them all suche persons, whiche here after shall kepe any of the saide passages, or any other fery or passage ouer the sayde water into wales, or the said forest, or out of wales or the saide forest into Englande, and to binde them with sufficient sureties with them in recognysaunce, in suche summes of money as it shall seme to the discrecyon of the sayde Justiciars of peace, that they and euery of them beyng passangers and keepers of ferries and passages, as is aforesayd, from hensforth shall not after the said tymes before lymitted and appoynted, conueie or cary, or cause to be conueied or caried any maner of person or personnes, or any kynde of cattal, but suche persons as they do knowe and myll answer for, and knowe where theyr abydinges, dwellinges, and habytacions be, and vppon request made to them or any of them, as is aboue sayde, shall from time to time disclose, as well the same person or persons, as the goodes and cattalles so passyng the said passages vpon frellhe suite made or hereafter to be made vppon any felonie, murder, or robberie committed and done in the borders of the counties aforesayde, or in any other place within this realme, or Southwales.

An acte

HENRICI OCTAVI.

An act that murders and felonies done or committed within any lordship marcher in wales shalbe inquired of, at the sessions holden within the shire groundes next adjoining, with many good orders for ministracion of Justice there to be had. Ca. vi.



Or as much as the people of wales, and the marches of the same, not dredinge the good and holsome lawes & statutes of this realme, haue of long time continued & persevered in perpetracion and commission, of diuers & manifold theftes, murders, rebellions, wilful burning of houses, & other scelerous dedes and abhominable malefactis, to the high displeasure of god, inquietacion of the kinges wel disposed subiectes, & disturbance of the publike weale, whiche malefactis & scelerous dedes be so rooted and fixed in the same people, that they be not like to ceasse, oneleste some sharpe correction and punishmente for redresse and amputacion of the premises be prouided, accordeinge to the demerites of the offendours. Be it therfore enacted by the kyng our soueraine lord, and the lordes spiritual & temporal, and the commons in this parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that all and singular person and persons, dwelling or resiaunt within wales, or in the lordshippes marchers of the same, fro time to time and at al times hereafter, vpon suche monicion or warnynge geuen for the court to be kept in wales, or in any of the lordshippes marches aforesayde as before this time hath ben vsed, shall personally repaire, resorte, and appere before the Justice, Steward, Lieutenaunt, or other officer at all and euery sessions, court & courtes to bee holden before the same Justice, Steward, or other officer in any whatsoeuer castell, fortresse, or other place within wales, or within the precinct limittes and iurisdiccions of euery of the lordships marchers or seignories aforesaid, or the marches of the same as by the said Justice, Steward, or other officer shalbe appoynted: And than and there shall geue his or their personall attendaunce, to do, execute, and accomplishe all and euery thinge and thinges, whiche to hym or them shal affere and appertaine, vpon peine of suche fines forfeitures and amerciaments, as shalbe be assessed, asselled, and taxed by the Justice, Steward or other officer to the kinges vse, if it be within any of the kinges lordshippes marchers. And if it be within any other lordshippes marches, then to the vse of the lord of the said lordship, marcher, for the time being: The sayd forfeitures and amerciamentes to be leued perceiued and taken by way of distresse of the goodes and cattalles of euery person not apperynge at the saide court or courtes, or not doyng, executing, or accomplisshing his dutie, as is aboue sayde.

And for as much as the officers in the lordshippes marchers in wales, haue ofte and sundry times heretofore vnlawfully exacted the kinges subiectes within suche lordshippes, where they haue had rule or auctoritie, by

by many and sundrie waies & meanes, & also committed them to straight duresse and imprisonment, for small and lighte fained causes; and extorciously compelled them therby to pay vnto the fines for their redemptiōs, contrary to the law. Therfore be it further enacted, that if any Steward, Lieutenant, or any other officer of any lordship, marcher, do faine, procure or imagin any vnttrue surmise against any person or persons, that shall so geue their personal attendaunce before them at suche courte or courtes, and vpon the same vnttrue surmise committe them to any duresse or imprisonment, contrary to the lawe, or contrarie to the true and lawdable custome of that lordshippe: that then vpon suite made vnto the kynges commissioners or counseile of the marches, for the time being, by any such person or persons so imprisoned, or by any of their frendes, that then the same commissioners or counseile, shall haue full power and auctoritie, to send for such Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or officer, and also for the person or persons so imprisoned. And if the same person or persons so imprisoned, can euidentlie proue before the sayde counseile, by good and substanciall witnes, or other wyse, that his imprisonment was vpon any feined surmise, without cause reasonable or lawfull, that then the same commissioners shall haue full power and auctoritie to assesse the saide officer to paye to the sayde person or persons wrongfully imprisoned. vi. s. viii. d. for every daye of their imprisonment, or more, by the discretions of the said commissioners, according to the hurtēs and behauiour of the person or persons imprisoned. And that the same commissioners shall set further fine vpon the said officer to be payde to the kinges vse, as by their discretions shall be thought conuenient. And in case the same officers do refuse to appere before the same commissioners incontinent after any commaundement to them directed & deliuered, after any suche complainte made to the same commissioners, that then the same commissioners shall haue full power & auctoritie vpon every defaulte made by any officer or officers, to assesse and set vpon every suche officer or officers makinge defaulte, suche fine or fines, to bee leuied to the kinges vse, as by their discretions shall be thought conueniente. And that the same commissioners shall haue full power and auctoritie to compell the said officer or officers by way of imprisonment, aswel to paye suche fine as shall be set and taxed vpon them to the kinges vse, as to pay vnto every person or persons so imprisoned suche summes of money, as they shall be celled to pay for their wronge imprisonment.

¶ And also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons dwellinge or resiaunt within wales or the lordshippes marchers of the same, of what estate degree or condicion soeuer he or they be of, comminge, resortinge, or repairyng vnto any sessions or courte, to bee holden within wales, or any lordshippes marches of the same, shall bynge or beare, or cause to be brought or borne to the same sessions or courte, or to any place within the distaunce of two miles from the same sessions or courte, nor to any towne, church, faire, market, or other congregacion, excepte if be vpon a hute

HENRICI OCTAVI.

a hute, or outcrie, made of any felonie, robberie done or perpetrated, nor in the highe wales in affraye of the kinges peace, or the kinges liege people, any bill, longe bowe, crosbowe, handgon, swerde, staffe, dagger, halberde, morespik, speare, or any other maner of weapon, prey coote, or armoure defensue, vppon peine of forfaiture of the same weapon, prey coote, or armour, and to suffer imprisonment, and make fine and ransome to the kinges highnes by the discrecion of the kinges commissioners of his marches for the time being, except it be by the commaundement licence or assente of the said Justices Steward or other officer, or of the commissioners or counsell of the marches for the time being. And that no person nor persons from henceforth, withoute licence of the saide commissioners in writinge, shall within wales or marches of the same, or in any shires adioynynge to the same, require procure gather or leue any Commorthe, Bydalle, tenauntes ale, or other collection or exactions of goods cattalles money, or any other thinge, vnder colour of marienge or sufferinge of their children sayinge or singynge their firste masses or gospelles of any priestes or clerkes, or for redempcion of any murder or any other felonie, or for any other maner of cause, by what name or names soever they shal be called, nor shall make or procure to be made, any games of ronnyng, wreslyng, leapyng, or any other games, the game of shotinge onely excepted and forprised, vpon peine of one hole yeres imprisonment of euery persone or persons, as shal gather or procure to be gathered, any such collection or exaction, or shall make or procure to be made any games, as is afore sayde. And further they and euery of them shal make suche fine, as by the discrecion of the kinges commissioners of his marches, shalbe thoughte conueniente. And further the saide commissioners, by this present acte, shal haue power and auctoritie, to here and determine the said offences by their examination. And that no personne or personnes, shal hereafter at any time caste any thinge into any courte within wales, or in the lordshippes marchers of the same, by the meane or name of an Arthel, by reason wherof the courte may be letted, disturbed, or discontinued for that time, vppon peine of one hole yere imprisonment of any such person or persons, as shal caste or cause to be caste any suche Arthel into any court or courts hereafter to be holden within wales or the lordships marches of the same. Any custome before this time vsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

And that all sessions and courtes hereafter to bee holden within wales, or the lordshippes marches of the same, shal be kepte within the moste surest and peasible place within the same lordshippe marcher, where the said Justice Stewarde or other officer shal appointe, and for the punishmente and speedy trials as well of the counterfeiteres of any coyne currant within this realme, wesshinge, clippinge, or minishinge of the same, as of all and singular felonies, murders, wilfull burninge of houses, manslaughteres, robberies, burgularies, rapes, and accessaries of the same, & other offences, feloniously done perpetrated & committed, or hereafter to be done, per-

petra-

petrated & committed within any lordship marcher of wales: Be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that the Justices of the Gaole deliuerie, and of the peace and euery of them for the time being in the shire or shires of England, where the kinges writte runneth, next adioyninge to the same Lordship marcher, or other place in wales, where suche counterfaytinge, wesshing, clipping, or minishing of any coyne currant within this Realme, or murther hath bene or hereafter shalbe committed or Done, or where any other felonies or accessaries shalbe hereafter comitted perpetrated or Done, shal haue from hensforth ful power and auctoritie, at their sessions & Gaole deliuerie, to enquire by verdicte of twelue men of the same shire or shires, next adioynynge within Englande, where the kinges writte runneth, there to cause all suche counterfaytours, waschers, clippers of money, felons, murderers, & accessaries to the same, to be indited accordinge to the lawes of this lande, in like maner and fourme, as if the same petie treasons, murders, felonies, and accessaries to the same, had ben done committed or perpetrated within any of the said shires, within the saide realme: and also to here determine and iudge the same, accordinge to the lawes of the realme. And that all foreine pleas, pleaded by any of the said malefactours, and offenders, shalbe tried and determined in the saide shire or shires: and that the acquital or fine makynge for any of the causes aforesayde, in any of the lordshippes marches, shalbe no barre for any personne or personnes being indicted in the saide shire or shires, within two yerres nexte after any suche murder or felonie Done.

And further it is enacted, that the saide Justices of peace and Gaole deliuerie, and euery of them, shal haue full power and auctoritie to awarde all maner of proces, as wel of outlaborie as otherwise, against al and euery suche offendour and offendours, so indited in maner and fourme and accordyng to the customes and lawes vsed and accustomed within this realme of England. And that the saide Justices, or two of them, afores whome any suche offender shal happen to be outlawed or attainted by outlagary, shal immediately vppon the same vtlagarie or atteinder, direct and sende vnto the kinges officers of his lordshippes marchers or to their deputies, or vnto the lord or lordes marchers of the saue lordship marcher, or to hys or their officer or officers, or to their deputies, wherin such offence murder or felonie shal happen to be Done, or where any suche offendour, murderer, or felone, shal happen to be resyaunte, a Certificate vnder the seales of them, or two of them, of any suche outlagarie or atteinder, commaunding them and euery of them by the same, vnder peine of forfaiture of a hundred pound to the king, to be leuied & perceiued, as well of the goodes cattalles landes and tenementes of the same lord or lordes marchers, as of the good and cattals land and tenementes of the kynges officer there, to apprehend and attache, or cause to be apprehended and attached the bodie or bodies of the same offendour or offendours, so outlawed or attainted, and safely to kepe or cause to be kept the same offendour or offendours, till suche conuenient time

HENRICI OCTAVI.

time befoze the nexte sessions of the kynges Justices of his gaole delyverie, of the shire, where such offendour or offendours, shal happen to be outlawed or atteinted, as to the kinges officers of his lordshippes marchers, or to their deputies, or unto the lord marcher or lordes marchers of the same lordship marcher, or to his or their officer or officers, or their deputies, where such offendour or offendours shalbe apprehended attached detained and kepte, shalbe thought expediente for the conueyaunce and conducting of the same offendour or offendours, in maner and fourme folowynge to be deliuered from the kynges officers or their deputies, or the lord marcher or the lordes marchers, or his or their officer or officers, to other persons assigned by this acte to receiue and conuey suche offendour or offendours, by indenture to be made betwene the deliuerour or deliuerours and the receiuer or the receiuours: That is to say, that the kynges officers of his lordship marcher or their deputies, or the lord or lordes marchers of the lordship marcher, or his or their officer or officers, or their deputies, where such offendour or offendours shal be apprehended attached detained and kepte, shall safely and surely conducte and conuey, or cause to be conducted and conueyed the same offendour or offendours, to the nexte lordshippe marcher towarde the shire, where the same offendour or offendours shal happen to be outlawed or atteinted. And that the kynges officers of the same lordship marcher or their deputies, or the lord or lordes marchers of the same lordship marcher, or his or their officer or officers, or their deputies, shall receiue and safely and surely conducte and conuey the same offendour or offendours to the next lordship marcher. And so the kynges officers of euery lordshippe marcher, or their deputies, or the lord or lordes marchers of the same lordshippe, or his or their officer or officers or their deputies, to receiue conducte & conuey safely and surely euery such offendour or offendours from one lordshippe marcher to another lordship marcher, by indenture, as is aforesayde, vnto the tyme that suche offendour or offendours shalbe safely deliuered befoze the sayde iustices of the gaole deliuey, vpon peyne of forfaiture by euery of the kynges officer or lord marcher, by whose defaute the same offendour or offendours shall ne may not appere befoze the same iustices at their saide sessions there to stande and abide the order of the kinges lawes. C. li. to be leuiued and perceiued of the goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes of the same officer or lord to the kynges vse. And that al & euery officer and officers, lord and lordes, or other persons, to whom any certificat shall be directed, as is aboue sayde, shall at the nexte sessions and Gaole deliuerie to be holden after the prehension or attachement of such offendour or offendours, retorne the same certificat in dew fourme, and what he or they haue done in that behalfe vpon the peyne aforesayde. Sauynge alway to al and euery offendour and offendours, al and singuler traueses, chalenges, exceptions, aduantages, and al other pleas to of and vpon the outlaury pronounced or promouged against the same offendour or offendours, in maner and

ner and fourme as is & hath be vsed and accustomed by the lawes of this realme for any the kynges subiectes dwellyng within the same realme.

¶ Provided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that if any person or persons, which shall happen hereafter to be indited outlawed arraigned convicted or atteinted by force of this acte, do finde suche sufficient sureties before the kinges Justices of his gaole deliuey, as by there discrecion shall be thought conuenient, that the same person or persons shall not from thensforth committe nor do any felonie murder or felonious offence, nor be accessarie to any felony murder or felonious offence, but at all times from thensforth shall be of good behauour against the king our soueraygne lord, his heires and successours, his and their lawes, and subiectes, that then the same Justices of gaole deliuey for the time beyng, with and by the assent, consent and agreement of the lord president, and twoo of the kinges commissioners, or counsaile of the marches for the tyme being or three of them at the least, wherof the lord presidente, or one of the sayde counsaile to be one, shall and may by their discrecion for one time only, admitte any such offendour to a certaine fine or summe of money on him by them to be assessed and taxed, to be surely payde to the kynges vse, and shall haue full power and auctoritie by this present act to discharge any such offendour or offendours, so arraigned outlawed convicted and atteinted of all and euery suche felonie murder or felonious offence and accessaries of the same, and of all execucions and punishmentes of death, whiche the same offendour or offendours should suffre by the common lawes of this realme: so that the same offendour or offendours stande not appeled of the sayd felonie murder or felonious offence, or accessarie of the same offences, at the time of his said discharge. And that euery such offendour so discharged, as is aboue saide, shall bee for the same offence or offences done within any of the kinges lordships marchers, or any other lordships marchers, discharged as well against the kinges highnes, his heires or successours, as against al other lordes marchers for one time onely.

¶ Provided alway, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaide, that this present acte, or any thing therein contained, shall not extende ne take place to abridge depriue or minozate any liberties priuilege or auctoritie of any lord marcher, heretofore graunted to the same lord, or lawfully vsed or accustomed by the saide lord, or any of his annetours, oneles the forsaide offendours happen to be indited outlawed arraigned convicted or atteinted by force of this act, as is abouesaid, within two yerres next after such murder or other felonious offence perpetrated done or committed within the said lordshippes marchers or any of them: Any thing in this presente acte before reherled to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And furthermore be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that all murders robberies felonies and accessaries of the same, whiche shall happen hereafter to be done perpetrated or committed within the shyre of Shrotyth in wales, shall and may be from hensforth enquired herde and determined

HENRICI OCTAVI.

terminated in the counties of Carnaruan or Anglesee, before the kinges Justices of north wales, or his Deputie for the time beyng, by verdicte or inquest to be taken by the inhabitauntes of the same shires of Carnaruan & Anglesee, or otherwise, if by the discrecion of the Justice there or his Deputie, shalbe thought conuenient. And that the same Justice or his Deputie, for the time beyng shal haue full power and auctoritie by his discrecion, by force of this present acte, to here and determine all and euery the foresayde murders, felonies, robberies, and accessories, in fourme aforesaid.

¶ And where heretofore vppon diuers murders, robberies, & felonies perpetrated and done, as well within the lordshippes marchers of wales, as in other places of wales without the same lordships, the offenders diuers times flee and escape from the same lordship or other place, wher suche offence was committed, and haue repaired & resorted into an other lordshipp marcher, and there by the aide comforte and fauour of the said lord of the same lordship or his officer or officers, haue ben abidyng and resiaunte into the whiche lordshippes the same lordes marchers haue and do pretende a custome and priuilege, that none of the kinges ministers or subiectes may entre, to pursue appzehende and attache any such offendour, ther vnto repaired, as is aforesaid, by reason wherof the same offendours wēt unpunished, to the animacion and encouragynge of other euill disposed people. It is therfore enacted by the auctoritie abouesaid, that euery officer and officers, and their deputies, vpon commaundement giuen by the commissioners or counsaile of the marches for the time being, shal bring sende or deliuer euery suche offendour to the officer of the lordship marcher, or other place, where any suche offence is or shall be committed or done, vpon the meres and bondes of the said lordshippes, or to the said commissioners or counsaile, accoriding as the sayd officers by them shall be commaunded vnder peine of .xl. poundes, the same commaundement or commission to be directed to any suche officer to be sende conueied and deliuered by a sergeant at armes, or a pursueaunt, attendaunt on the saide counsel in the marches, for the time beyng.

¶ An acte for amendyng of high waies in

Suffex. Cap. vii.



Where it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament heretofore holden at London, the .xv. day of Aprill, in the .xiii. yere of the kynges most noble reigne, and from thens adiourned to westminster the laste day of July, the .xv. yere of his reigne, and there holden: in consideration that many comen waies in the weld of Kent be so depe & noyons by wearing & cours of water & other occasiōs, that people can not haue their passages & cariages by horses vpo or by the same, but to their great peines, perils & leopardy, that if any person or persons from

C ii

that

that time in any place within the sayde welde of the saide countie, of his good minde & disposicion without any value of good by him or by them to be receiued for the same, will for the comen wele of the kinges people assigne & lay out a more comodious way in & ouer the landes ther vnto adioyning, wherof the person or persons, or other to his vse shall be sealed of fee in estate of inheritauce, that the same new way so to bee assigned and laied out, by ouersight and assent of two Iustices of the peace of the sayde countie, and .xii. other discrete men within the same hundreth inhabiting, where any suche new way shalbe limited & laied out, or inhabiting within the same hundred and other hundredes to the said hundreth next adioining shalbe from thensforth holden occupied and vsed in like maner as the said olde way there now is or before hath ben. And that also the same person or persons so disposed, willing and accomplishing, shal and may for the sayde new way so assigned and vsed, receiue and hold in wey of recompense for the same new way so to be geuen, the sole & ground of the olde way in seueraltie, to them their heires and assignes, to their owne vse and profit for ever without any common way or passage there from thensforth to be had or claimed, any prescripcion or vse to the contrary not withstandynge, in like maner and forme as is limited by the said act of a certain new way graunted by the same acte to be made by George Builford squier at Hempsted in the said welde of Kent. And that the said two iustices of peace, and .xii. other discrete men, by whose ouersight & assent, the said new way by vertu of the said acte, shalbe assigned limited & laied out, shall within .iii. monthes next after thassignement limitacion & lepeng out of the same, make certificat into the kinges most honorable court of chauncery vnder their seales of the length and brede of the said new way or strete, & of other thinges adioining or concerning the same, as by their discretions shalbe thought most expedient or requisite for the comen welth of that contrey to be certified, and that certificat to be made from time to time, as ofte as any suche new way or streete shalbe assigned limited and layde out in fourme aboue wrytten.

¶ Provided alway, that if any person or persons, or body politike, haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shal haue any church way, or other whatsoeuer way or passage, ouer or through any maner lands adioyning to any of the said old waies or stretes, which shalbe taken & vsed by force of that act as seueral soile & frehold, in recopence for any new way to be made & laied out in forme aforesaid, or haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shal haue any landes or tenementes adioining to the old way, they & euery of the, their heires & successours may haue & vse their said way or waies out of & in the saide new way ouer & through the lande of the said old way or strete, into or ouer the said landes or tenementes adioining to the same, & so to passe and repasse as shall appertain, ouer the same old way, at such conuenient place or places therof, as therfore shalbe limited & assigned by the said .ii. Iustices of peace and other .xii. men, and by them to be certified in the chancery, among other thynges by the to be certified in forme aforesaid, any thing in the said acte

HENRICI OCTAVI.

act aboue wrytten notwithstanding, as by the same act manifestly appereth.
And for as much as in many places within the countie of Suffex lyke
 act for the alteracion of comon waies & stretes there being much annoious
 is much necessarie and expedient for the common welth and commoditie of
 the kynges subiectes of the said countie of Suffex to be had and made. In
 consideracion wherof be it ordeined & enacted by the kyng our soueraigne
 lord, and the lordes spiritual and tempozall, & the commons in this present
 parliament assembled, & by auctoritie of the same, that the sayd acte aboue
 reherfed and recited, shall and may from henceforth extende take effect and
 be put in execution in euery place conuenient or necessarie within the sayde
 countie of Suffex, where waies and stretes be noyous to the kynges said
 subiectes of the same countie of Suffex in like forme & maner, & in al poin-
 tes and condicions, and with like prouiso to be had don & executed, as it is
 contained & expressed in the aboue recited act concernyng the chaunge of the
 waies and stretes in the said countie of Kent, any prescription vse custome
 or other thynge to the contrarie beyng in any wise notwithstanding.

An act for reedifyng of boide groundes in the cite of Norwiche. ca. viii.



Here by infortunate chaunce of Her a greate nombze of houses of
 habitation within the cite of Norwiche, about. xxvi. yeres past,
 were burned and vtterly consumed, to the great heuines discom-
 forte, losse and hinderance of the inhabitauntes of the same cite.

By reason of which bournyng diuers and many boide groundes, where-
 vpon befoze the same fire, good and substanciall houses of habitation were
 standyng remainyng now at this day vnreedified, and not onely vnreedif-
 ied, but also to lie as desolate and vacant groundes many of theim mighe
 adioynyng to the high stretes, replenished with muche vncleanes & filth
 to the great annuissance of the said inhabitantes, and other the kynges sub-
 iectes passyng by the same: and to thentent that a refozmacion may be had
 in that behalfe. Be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lord, and the
 lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in this present parlia-
 ment assēbled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that if the owner or owners
 of such vacant ground or groundes, so lyng within the precinct of the said ci-
 tie, within two yeres next after proclamation made by the comandemēt of
 the Mayze of the said cite for the time being, within and vpon such vacant
 ground or groundes, of the tenour and effecte of this present acte, doo not
 sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of moztar and stone sufficiently in-
 close the same vacant ground or groundes, wher vpon suche proclamaciō
 shalbe made, that than it shall be lesul to the Maire Shireffes citezens &
 comminaltie of the same citee & their successours for the time being, imme-
 diately after the said two yeres expired, to entre into euery suche ground
 and groundes so vacant as is aforesaide, wher vpon suche proclamation,
 as is befoze remembred, shalbe so made, and the same ground & groundes

to holde and retaine without interrupciō to them and their successours for ever, clerely discharged of al rentes, as wel against the lordes of fees ther- of as of all other, so that alwaies the same mayre shiriffes citezens & com- minaltie or their successours, do well, and sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of moztter & stone, as is aforesaide, sufficiently doo inclose the same grounde & groundes, wherin they shal so entre, within .ii. yerres next after such entre by thē so to be made, as is aforesaid. And in case the same maire shireffe citezens & cominaltie, or their successours, do not sufficiently reedi- fie or inclose, or cause to be reedified or inclosed the same grounde & groun- des, in fourme aforesaid within the same terme of two yerres next after they shal so entre into the same, that then it shalbe leful to the said first owner & owners of al suche ground and groudes, their heires or successours imme- diatly after the same thze yerres so expired, to recntre into the same groude and groundes, and the same to reteine and enioy again to thē, their heires and successours, as in their former estate and interest: any thynge in this act contained to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alwaies, that if the owners of suche vacant grounde or grou- des, specified in this acte, do not repayre and amend the same, accordyng to the tenour of this acte, within two yerres limited by this acte: that then it shalbe leful to the chiefe lordes, of whom suche vacant groundes been or shalbe holden, to entre and to haue the same groundes to thē their heyres & successours for ever, so that every suche chiefe lorde do repaire & amende the said vacant groundes accordyng to the tenour & effecte of this act with in one yere next after that such chiefe lorde may entre by auctoritie of this acte. And if such chiefe lorde, as may entre by this acte, do not repayre and amende the same vacant groundes within one yere next after they may en- tre by this act: that then for every such Defaute the maire shiriffes citizeng and comminaltie shal lawfully entre into the said groundes, accordyng to the tenour forme effect and condicion aboue expressed in this act: any thing in this act to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

¶ An acte for reedifying of voyde groundes within the towne of Lynne. Cap. ix.



Humblly besecbeth your good & gracious highnes your obedi- ent subiectes, the Mayre & burgeses of the towne of Lyn by- shop, in your countie of Norfolke, that where at this presente time diuers & many mesuages & tenementes of olde time buil- ded within the said towne are and by a longe time haue ben in greate decay and desolacion, wherby the flud and rage of the sea, comyng to the sayd towne, and insurging vppon suche decayed tenementes in ti- mes of tempeste, doth freate and meruaylously weare in dyuers pla- ces of the sayde towne, to the great hurte and damage as well of the said towne as of diuers persons haupng groundes adioynynge to suche pla- ces so

HENRICI OCTAVI.

ces so in decaye, and that the owners of suche decayed groundes wyll not reedifie and maynteine the sayde mesuages and tenementes so decayed for the maintenaunce and defence of the water and rage of the sea, whereby the said towne is like to fall in moze decay ruine & desolacion, if remedie therefoze be not provided. In consideracion wherof it may please your highnes, that it may be enacted by your maiestie, by the assentes of the lordes spirituall and tempozal, & the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, & by the auctorite of the same, that if the owner or owners of such mesuages and tenementes so decayed, set liynge or beyng within the pzeincte of the said towne, within one yere next after proclamacion made by the comaimdement of the mayze of the said towne for the time being, within and vpon such decayed mesuages or tenementes, doe not sufficiently reedifie, or elles with walles of morter and stone sufficiētly enclose the same mesuages and tenementes & groundes to them belonging, so beyng in decaye, for defence of the rage of the water: that then it shal be lefull to the chiefe Lordes, of whom such mesuages or tenementes so decayed shalbe holden, to enter into the said mesuages and tenementes so decayed, and the same holde haue and reteine to them and their heires for euer: so that every such lord, which shal enter into any mesuages or tenementes so decayed, by auctoritie of this act, do sufficiently reedifie, or els with walles of morter & stone sufficiētly inclose the sayd mesuages & tenementes so decayed in fourme as is abovesaid within one yere next after that such chiefe lord maye enter into the same by auctoritie of this acte. And if such chiefe lord, which maye enter by auctoritie of this act into the said mesuages or tenementes decayed, do not reedifie the said mesuages & tenementes decayed, or els with walles of morter & stone sufficiētly inclose the same, in fourme as is aforesaid, within one yere next after such chiefe lord mought enter into the same by auctoritie of this act: that then it shalbe lawfull to the maire & cominaltie of the sayde towne for every suche defaulte to enter into any suche mesuages or tenementes so decayed, and the same to haue and reteine to them and their successours for euer, without interruption to them & their successours for euer, clerely discharged of al rentes, as wel against the lordes of fees therof as of al other. So that alwaies the same mayze & cominalty, or theyr successours do wel and sufficiētly reedifie, or els with walles of morter and stone, as is aforesaid, sufficiētly do inclose the same mesuages and tenementes or groundes appertaining to the same, wherein they shal so enter by auctorite of this act within two yeres next after such entre by the so to be made, as is aforesaid & in case the same mayze & cominalty, or their successours, do not sufficiētly reedify or inclose, or cause to be reedified or inclosed the same mesuages & tenementes or groundes to the same belonging, in fourme aforesaid, within the same terme of two yeres next after they shal so enter into the same: that then it shalbe leful to the said firste owner & owners of all suche mesuages tenemēt & grouds, their heires or successours, immediatly after the same two yeres so expired, to enter into the same mesuages tenemēt & grouds
and

and the same to reteine and enioye againe to theim, their heires and succes-
sours, as in their former estate and interest. Any thinge in this acte contei-
ned to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

CAn act wherby the kings highnes hath auctorizy to repel the statute
made for restraint of wines to come in afoze candelmas. ca. x.



Where in the session of this presente parliamente holden at
westmynster in the. xv. Daye of January, in the. xxiij. yeaere
of the kynges moste noble reigne, it was enacted by aucto-
rytie of the same Parlyamente, that no manner of person or
persons shoulde dyscharge and laye on lande oute of anye
shippe or shippes, or other vessel or vessels, any wines of gal-
copne or Guion or any maner of French wynges, at any haven porte creeke
or other place within this realme of Englande, Irelande, wales, or the
marches of the same, at any time from thenseforthe betwene the feastes of
saint Michel tharchangel, and the Purificacion of our lady, vpon peine of
forfaiture of the same wynges so brought and discharged and layd on lande
at any time hereafter betwene the saide feastes contrary to the sayde acte:
The one halfe of whiche forfaiture to bee to the kinge our souerayne lord,
and the other halfe thereof to suche of the kynges subiectes, as shall lease
or sue for the same, by action of Detinue or Dette after the rate of the value
therof, by originall writte byl playnte or inforzmacion in any of the kynges
courtes: in whiche actions and suites the defendaunte shall not bee admit-
ted to wage hys lawe, or any protection or essoine shall be allowed, as a-
monge other thinges in the saide acte specified evidently appereth. For as
muche as suche leages and amities as ben concluded and had betwene the
kynges maiestie and other foreyne kynges and prynces, for the weale and
tranquilitie of theyr realmes countreis and people, moughte parcase bee
impeched interrupted or derogated, contrary to the pactes and agreements
therein contained, as well by occasions of the saide article conteyned in the
saide act, as by occasion of sondry other like actes heretofore made, or here-
after to be made, wherby the commoditie and marchandise of this realme
and of other the kynges domynions bene restreyned to bee conueyed into
any outwarde parties, foreine Realmes, or countreies of other prynces be-
inge in leage and amitie with the kynges hyghnes, or the commodyties
and marchaundises of suche outward parties, foreyne realmes, and coun-
treies be restrained to be brought and conueighed into this realme, or els
where within the kynges dominions to be vttered solde and vsed as frely
as of olde time hath bene accustomed. Be it therefore enacted by auctoritie
of this present parliamente, that the kynge our soueraygne lord shall du-
rynge hys life naturall, haue full power and auctoritie by his proclama-
cions, to be contained in letters patentes vnder his greate seale, and enrol-
led in his court of chauncerie, from time to time to repell and make voyde
as

HENRICI OCTAVI.

as wel the said article contained and specified in the said act made for to re-
 straine the bzinginge in of wines afoze the feast of the Purificacion of oure
 lady, as all other such actes and statutes in part or in the hole, which hath
 ben made sith the beginning of this present parliament for the restrint or
 lette of any commodious of this realme, or of other the kings dominions
 to be conueied & vttered to and in any outward parties, realmes, or coun-
 treis, or for restrint & let of any commodities or marchandise of outward
 parties, realmes or countreis to bee conueied brought and vttered to or in
 this realme, or els where within the kings dominions: And by like pro-
 clamacions from time to time, shal haue power & auctoritie to reuiue and
 make effectual the said statutes and actes againe in their force strength &
 effecte in all or suche parte therof, as to his maiestie shal be thought mooste
 conuenient & profitable for his realme. And that euery suche repeale abro-
 gacion & making boide of any such statutes or actes, in part or in the hole:
 and euery such reuiuing or makynge effectuall of them againe in parte or
 in the hole by proclamacions vnder the greate seale to be made & entolled
 in the kings chauncerie, as is aforesaide, shalbe of the same qualitie force
 strength condicion and effecte to all intents and purposes, as if it had bene
 done with due circumstances by auctoritie of parlyamente, any thinge or
 thinges contained in any such acts, or any vsage or custome of this realme
 to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

An act for punishment of wellshemen attemptyng any
 assautes or affraies vpon any thynhabitaunts of
 Heref. Glouc. and Shropshire. Ca. xi.



Or as muche as in times paste diuers and sondrie the
 kinge our souerain lordes subiectes, inhabited as well
 in wales as the marches of the same, haue heretofore
 vsed at sondrie times, whē lawfull processe hath ben at-
 tempted againste them, or againste their kynsemen, or
 frendes, for sondery, robberies, murders, or felonies by
 them committed or for any suites or processe of the law
 pursued or sued agaynst any person or persons inhabytyng or dwellyng
 within wales, or the marches of the same, within the counties of Glouce-
 ster, Salop, and Herforde, haue layen in awaite, and sodeinly of prepen-
 sed malice, haue not onely mette with the pursuers of the said suites in the
 said counties, and in places nere adioynng to the same, but also haue bea-
 ten, mayhymed greuously wounded, and somtimes murdered diuerse of the
 same pursuers, for the only attempting and pursuing of such felons, wher-
 by hath insued no litle vyolacion and disturbaunce of the kinges, peace, to
 the greate disquietinge of all the sayde parties, and to the righte perillous
 example of all others like offendours. Be it therefore ordeined established
 and enacted by the kinges sayd highnes, his lordes spiritual and temporal
 and

and the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that if any maner person or persons inhabited or dwelling in wales, or in the marches of the same, at any time hereafter vppon any pre-pensed malice, shal presume to assaulte beate hurte wounde or maim any other the kinges subiectes of the saide counties, that then he or they so attempting, whatsoeuer they be, being indicted and conuicted therof, shal suffer imprisonment without redempcion for the space of one hole yere, in such prison or prisons as vnto the Iustices, before whom he or they shalbe conuicted, shalbe thought conuenient, with such further peine & punishmente, as he or they should haue had, if this act had neuer ben had or made. This acte to endure vnto the last day of the next parliament.

An act for purgacion of conuictes in wales. Cap. xii.



Here at the parliament sommoned & holden at London, the third daye of Nouember, in the .xxi. yere of the reigne of our soueraine lord kinge Henry the. viii. & from thens adiourned vnto westminster in the countie of middelser, and after diuers prorogacions, there also holden the .xv. day of January, the .xxiii. yere of the reigne of our soueraine lord kyng Henry the. viii. It was enacted among other, that no person nor persons, which from thensforth should happen to be found gilty after the lawes of this land, for any maner of petie treason, or for any wilfull murder of malice prepensed, or for robbinge of any churches, chapelles, or other holy places, or for robbinge of any personne or persons in their dwelling houses, or dwelling place, the owner or dweller in the same house, his wife, his children, or seruants then being within, & put in feare and drede by the same, or for robbing of any person or persons, in or nere about the high waies or for wilful burning of any dwelling houses or barnes, wherin any graine of cornes shuld happen to be: nor any person or persons being found gilty of any abbettement, procurement, helping, main-teining, or counsailling of or to any such petie treasons murders or felonies shuld from thensforth be admitted to the benefite of his or their clergy, but vtterly be excluded therof, and suffer death in suche maner and fourme, as they shuld haue done for any the causes or offences abovesaid, if they were no clerks, such as be within holy orders, that is to say of the orders of subdeacon or aboue, onely excepte. And also it was then & there by auctoritie aforesaid, further enacted, that euery such person and persons within suche orders of subdeacon or aboue, which at any time from thensforth shoulde be found gilty of any petie treason, or of any murder of malice prepensed, or of any of the felonies aboue reherfed, or of any accessarie to petie treason, wilfull murder, or to any other the felonies aboue especified, and admitted to his or their clergy, and deliuered to the ordinarie for the same, shuld not in any wise from thensforth be suffered to any purgacio, nor be set at liber-tie,

HENRICI OCTAVI.

tie, but remaine and abide in perpetual prisō, vnder the keeping of the ordi-
 nary, to whom he shuld be comitted & his successours, without any maner
 of purgacion, during the natural life of euery suche conuicte: excepte onely
 such person and persons so beinge within such holy orders, and conuicte of
 or for any of the offences aforesaid, & deliuered to the ordinary for the same,
 do finde two sufficient sureties by recognisaunce before two of the kynges
 Justices of his peace within the same wyze, where the petie treason murder
 or felonie, wherof he was conuicted, was committed & done, wherof one of
 the to be of the Quorum, that such conuicte shalbe of good aberyng against
 the kinge our soueraigne lord, his lawes and subiectes, euery such conuict
 to be bounden in the summe of .xl. li. and euery his sureties in .xx. li. and that
 no suretie to be taken, onles such as may dispende in landes tenementes or
 hereditamentes yerely aboue all charges of estate of inheritance of charter
 hold .xxvi. s. viii. d. or els be worth .xx. li. in moueable substaunce, at the time
 of the taking of such recognisaunce. And that two iustices of peace, where-
 of one to be of the quorum, by auctoritie aforesaid, haue power & auctoritie
 to take suche recognisaunce. And that the saide Justices, afoze whome any
 suche recognisaunce shal be taken, shal certifie the same into the kynges
 benche within foure monethes next after the takinge thereof, vpon peine to
 lose and forfait .C. s. for euery defaute therof. And for as much as there be
 no Justices of peace ne of the Quorum within wales, nor in dyuers other
 places, cities, honours, lordshippes, and manours within the kings domi-
 nion, where as a lord marcher, Stewarde, Lieutenaut, Deputie or other
 officer of any such place, citie, honour, lordship, or manour haue auctorisee
 or power, by custome or otherwise to arraine afoze him or them any suche
 person or persons beyng within suche holy orders of subdeacon or aboue,
 for committing or doyng any of the said petie treasons murders, felonies,
 or any other of the said offences. And if it happen the same person so beyng
 therof arraigned to be founde gilty, for to admitte him to hys clergie, if he
 pray the same before iudgement, and further to do and execute against any
 such offendour, beyng so arrayned before them, in like maner and fourme
 as Justices of the gaole deliuerie within the shire ground haue vsed to do
 by vertue of the kinges commission vnto them directed: By reason wherof
 euery suche person or persons, within suche orders of subdeacon or aboue,
 beinge conuicte of any of the sayd petie treasons, murders, felonies, or any
 other the said offences, before any lord marcher, steward, lieutenaut, de-
 putie, or other officer within wales, or within any other place citie honour
 lordshipp or manoure within the kynges domynion, where no iustices of
 peace bee, and there vppon committed vnto the ordinary as cleke conuicte,
 shal there remaine durynge the naturall lyfe of any suche conuicte: The
 saide former acte and statute notwithstanding. For that there be no Justi-
 ces of the peace ne of the Quorum, there as the sayde petie treason mur-
 der or felonie, wherof he is so conuicted, was committed and done, to take
 suretie by recognisaunce for the good aberyng of euerye suche conuicte,
in

in manour & fourme as in the said former act is reherſed. Be it therfore enacted by the king our ſoueraigne lord, and the lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and the commons in this preſent parliamēt aſſembled, & by auctoritie of the ſame, that every ſuch perſon and perſons, within ſuch orders of ſubdeacon or above, beynge convicted of any petty treaſon, or of any murder of malice prepended, or of any of the ſaide felonies above reherſed, or of any accellarie to petty treaſon, wilful murder, or to any other the ſaide felonies above eſpecified before any lord marcher, Steward, Lieutenante, Deputie, or other Juſtice or officer within wales, or within any other place citie towne honour lordſhippe or maner within the kings Dominion, where no juſtices of the peace and of the Quoerum be, and therupon the ſame convicted admitted unto his clergie, that the ſame perſon or perſons ſo being within ſuch holy orders, and convicted before any ſuche lord marcher Stewarde Lieutenant Deputie or other juſtice or officer in wales or within any ſuch place citie towne honour lordſhip or maner within any the kings Dominion, where bee no Juſtices of the peace and of the Quoerum, or for any of the offences aforeſaide, and deliivered unto the ordinarie as clerke convicted for the ſame, ſhal or may finde two ſureties by recogniſaunce for hys good aberinge before two of the kings Juſtices of the peace, whereof the one to be of the Quoerum, in the ſhyre where the ſame convicted is or ſhall be kepte in the ordinaries priſon, if the ſame priſon be within the ſhire ground, where juſtices of the peace and of the quoerum bee, or els before two of the kynges juſtices of the peace, whereof the one to be of the Quoerum in the nexte ſhyre adioyninge unto the ſame priſon: And that the ſame two Juſtices of the peace, whereof the one to be of the Quoerum, to have power and auctoritie to take ſuch recogniſaunce, and to certifie the ſame in like maner and fourme and upon like peine as it ſhould or ought to have ben done by vertue of the ſaid former act. if the ſame petty treaſon murder felonie or other offence, or or for which any ſuch convicted was or ſhal be ſo convicted and admitted unto his clergie, as is aforeſaide, had ben committed and done within the ſhire ground, where Juſtices of the peace and of the Quoerum be.

An act wherby divers offences be made high treaſon, and taking away all ſanctuaries for al maner of high treaſons. cap. xiii.

EOr as muche as it is moſte neceſſary bothe for commune policie and duetie of ſubiectes above all thynges to prohibite proude reſtreyn and extinguiſh all maner of ſhamefull ſclaunders perils or imminent daunger or daungers, whiche might growe happen or riſe to theꝝ ſoueraigne lord the kyng, the Queene, or theꝝ heires, whiche whan they be herde ſene or vnderſtande, cannot be but odyle and alſo abhorred of all thoſe ſortes that be true and loyng ſubiectes, if in any poynte they may do or ſhal touche the kyng, his queene, their heires or ſuccellours, upon which dependeth the hole unitie and vniuerſall weale of this

HENRICI OCTAVI.

this realme, without prouiding wherfore to great a scope of vnrasonable libertie should be giuen to all cankarde and traiterous hartes, willers and woorkers of the same. And also the kinges louyng subiectes should not declare vnto their soueraigne lord now being, which vnto them hath ben and is most entierly both beloued & esteemed, their vndouted sinceritie & trouth. Be it therfore enacted by the assent & consent of our soueraigne lord the king and the lordes spiritual and temporal, and commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctoritie of the same, that if any person or persons after the first day of Februarie next comyng, do maliciously with wil or desire by wordes or writing, or by craft imagin, inuente, practise, or attempte any bodily harme to be done or committed to the kinges most roial person, the queene, or their heires apparant, or to depriue the or any of the, of the dignitie title or name of their roial estates, or sciaunderously & maliciously publish and pronouce by expesse writing or wordes, that the king our soueraigne lord should be heretike, scismatike, tiraunt, infidele, or vsurper of the crowne, or rebelliously do detein kepe or withhold from our said soueraigne lord, his heires or successours, any of his or their castels, fortresses, fortilelles, or holdes within this realme, or in any other the kyngs dominions, or marches, or rebelliously detein kepe or withhold from the kinges said highnes, his heires or successours, any of his or their shippes, ordinaunces, artillery, or other municions or fortifications of warre, and do not humbly render and giue vp to our said soueraigne lord, his heires or successours, or to such persons as shalbe deputed by them, such castels, fortresses, fortilelles, holdes, shippes, ordinaunces, artillery, and other municions, and fortifications of warre, rebelliously kept or deteined, within. vi. Daies next after they shalbe commaunded by our said soueraigne lord, his heires or successours by open proclamacio vnder the great seale. That then euery such person and persons so offendyng in any the premilles, after the sayde first day of Februarie, their aidours, counsailours, consentours, and abbettours, beyng therof lausfully conuicte, accorde to the lawes & customes of this realme, shalbe adiudged traitours, and that euery suche offence in any the premilles, that shalbe committed or done after the said first day of Februarie, shalbe reputed accepted and adiudged high treason: And the offendours therein, and their aidours consentour, counsellours and abbettours beyng lawfully conuict of any such offence, as is aforesaid, shall haue and suffre such peines of death, and other penalties, as is limited & accustomed in cases of high treason.

¶ And to thintent that al treasons should be the more dzed hated and detested to be done by any person or persons and also bycause it is a great boldnes and an occasion to ill disposed persons to aduenture and imbrace their malicious intentes & enterprises, which all true subiectes ought to studie to eschewe. Be it therfore enacted by thaurtoritie aforesaid, that none offendour in any kindes of high treasons, what so euer they be, their aidours, consentours, counsellours, nor abbettours, shall be admitted to haue the

D

benefice

benefite or pziuilege of any maner of sanctuarie, considering that matters of treasons toucheth so nigh both the suretie of the kyng our soueraign lordes person, and his heires and successours.

¶ And ouer that be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any of the kinges subiectes deniseng or other, do committe or practise out of the limittes of this realme in any outwarde parties, any such offences, whiche by this acte are made, or heretofore haue be made treason, that then such treasons what soeuer they be, or where soeuer they shal happen so to be done or committed shalbe inquired, and presented by the othes of. xii. good and lawfull men, vpon good & probable euidence & witnes in such shire & countie of this realme, and befoze such persons, as it shal please the kinges highnes to appoint by comissio vnder his great seale, in like maner and fourme as treasons committed within this realme, haue ben vsed to be inquired of & presented, and that vpon euery inditement & presentment founden and made of any such treasons, and certified into the kinges bench, like proces & other circumstance shal be there had and made against the offenders, as if the same treasons so presented had be lawfully founde to be done & committed within the limittes of this realme. And that all proces of outlarie hereafter to be made and had within this realme, against any offendours in treason being resiaunt or inhabited out of the limittes of this realme, or in any of the parties of beyonde the sea, at the time of the outlarie pronounced against them, shalbe as good & as effectual in the law to al intetes and purposes, as if such offendours had be resident and dwellynge within this realme, at the time of such processe awarded and outlarie prouounced.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery offender and offenders being hereafter lawfully conuict of any maner of high treasons by presentment confession verdict or processe of outlarie, according to the due course & custome of the comon lawes of this realme, shal lose & forsaite to the kinges highnesse, his heires & successours, al such lades, tenementes, & hereditamentes, whiche any such offender or offenders shal haue of any estate of inheritaunce in vse or possession, by any right title or meanes within this realme of England, or els where within any the kinges dominions at the time if any such treason committed, or any time after. Sauyng to euery person and persons, their heires and successours, other then the offenders in any treasons, their heires and successours, and such person and persons, as claime to any their vles, al such rightes titles interestes possessions leases, rentes offices and other profites, whiche they shal haue at the day of committing such treasons, or at any time afoze, in as large & ample maner, as if this acte had neuer ben had nor made.

¶ An acte for nominacion and consecracion of suffragans with
in this realme. Cap. xliij.

A be it that sithen the beginning of this present parliamente, good and honourable ordinaunces and statutes haue ben made and established

HENRICI OCTAVI.

blished for elections, presentacions, consecrations, and inueſtyng of arche-
 biſhoppes and biſhoppes of this realme, and in al other the kynges domi-
 nions, withall ceremonies apperteynyng vnto the ſame, as by ſondry ſta-
 tutes therof made more at large is ſpecified: yet neuer theleſſe no prouiſion
 hitherto hath ben made for ſuffragans, which haue ben accuſtomed to bee
 had within this realme for the more ſpedy adminiſtracion of the ſacramē-
 tes and other good holſome and deuout thinges, and laudable ceremonies
 to the encrease of gods honour, and for the commoditie of good and deuout
 people. Be it therfore enacted by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, that
 the townes of Theſſorde, Ipſwiche, Colcheſter, Douer, Elyſorde, South-
 hampton, Taunton, Shaftesbury, Holton, Warleboughe, Bedford, Lei-
 ceſter, Gloceſter, Shrewesbury, Briſtow, Penrethe, Bridgewater, Not-
 tingham, Grauntham, Hulle, Huntingdon, Cambridge and the townes
 of Bereth and Barwike, ſainct Germaines in Cornewall, and the Iſle of
 Wight, ſhalbe taken and accepted for ſees of biſhops ſuffragans to be made
 in this realme and in wales, and the biſhops of ſuch ſeas ſhalbe called ſuf-
 fragans of this realme. And that euery archbiſhop and biſhoppe of this
 realme and of wales, and els where within the kynges dominions, beyng
 diſpoſed to haue any ſuffragane, ſhal and may at their liberties name and
 electe, that is to ſay, euery of them for their peculier diocēſe, two honeſt and
 diſcrete ſpiritual perſons, beyng learned and of good conuerſacion, & thoſe
 two perſons ſo by them to be named, ſhall preſente to the kinges highnes
 by their wrytyng vnder their ſeales, makynge humble request to his ma-
 ieſtie, to giue to one ſuch of the ſaid two perſons, as ſhal pleaſe his maieſtie
 ſuch title name ſtile and dignitie of biſhoppe of ſuch of the ſees aboue eſpe-
 cified, as the kinges highnes ſhal thinke moſt conuenient for the ſame. And
 that the kinges maieſtie vpon euery ſuch preſentacion, ſhall haue full po-
 wer and auctoritie to giue to one of thoſe two perſons, ſo to his highnes to
 be preſented, the ſtile, title and name of a biſhop of ſuche of the ſees afore-
 ſayd, as to his maieſtie ſhalbe thought moſt conuenient and expedient, ſo it
 be within the ſame prouince, wherof the biſhop that doeth name him is.
 And that euery ſuch perſon, to whom the kynges highnes ſhall giue any
 ſuch ſtile and title, of any of the ſees afore named, ſhalbe called biſhop ſuf-
 fragane of the ſame ſee: wher vnto he ſhalbe named. And after ſuche title
 ſtile and name ſo giuen, as is aforeſaid, the kynges maieſtie ſhall preſente
 euery ſuch perſon by his letters pattētes vnder his great ſeale, to the arch-
 biſhop of Canturbury, if the towne wherof he hath his title, be within the
 prouince of Canturbury, and likewiſe to the archebiſhoppe of yorke, if the
 towne wherof he hath his title, be within the prouince of yorke, ſigniſieng
 and declarynge by the ſame letters pattētes, the name of the perſon preſen-
 ted, and the ſtile and title of dignitie of biſhop, wher vnto he ſhalbe no-
 minated: requiring the ſame archbiſhop, to whom ſuch letters pattētes
 ſhal be directed, to consecrate the ſaid perſon ſo nominate & preſented, to the
 ſame name title ſtile and dignitie of biſhop: that he ſhalbe nominate & pre-

presented vnto, and to giue him all suche consecrations benedictions & ceremonies, as to the degree and office of a bishop suffragan shalbe requisite.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that all & euery suche person and persons, as shalbe nominated elected presented & consecrated, as is aforesaid, shall be taken accepted and reputed, in all degrees and places, according to the stile title name and dignitie that he shalbe so presented vnto, and haue suche capacite power & auctoritie, honour, preeminence, & reputacion, in as large and ample maner in and concerning the execution of such commission, as by any of the said archbishops or bishops within their diocess shalbe giuen to the said suffragans, as to suffragans of this realme heretofore hath ben vsed and accustomed.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery archbishop of this realme, to whom any the kinges letters pattentes in the cases aforesaid, shalbe directed, hauing no lawfull impediment, shal performe and accomplishe the effectes & contentes of this act within the time of. iiii. monethes next after such letters pattentes shal come to their hands, any vsage customes, forrein lawes, priuileges, prescripcions, or other thinge or thinges heretofore vsed had or done to the contrary herof notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alwaies, that no such suffragan, which shalbe made & consecrate by vertue and auctoritie of this acte, shal take or perceiue any maner of profit of the places and sees, wherof they shalbe named, nor vse haue or execute any iurisdiction or episcopall power or auctorite within their saide sees, nor within any diocess or place of this realme, or els where within the kinges dominions, but onely such profit, iurisdiction, power & auctoritie as shalbe licenced & limited to them to take do & execute by any archbishop or bishop of this realm within their diocess, to whom they shalbe suffragans by their commission vnder their seales. And that euery archbishop & bishop of this realme, for their owne peculiar diocess, may and shal giue such commission or commissions to euery such bishop suffragan, as shal be so consecrate by auctoritie of this act, as hath ben accustomed for suffragans heretofore to haue, or els such commission as by them shalbe thought requisite reasonable & conuenient. And that no such suffragan shall vse any iurisdiction ordinary, or episcopal power, otherwise nor longer time than shalbe limited by such commission to him to be giuen as is aforesaid, vpon paine to incur into the peines losses forfeitures and penalties mencioned in the statute of prouisions, made in the. xvi. yere of kyng Richard the second.

¶ Provided alwaies, that the bishop that shall nominate the suffragan to the kinges highnes, or the suffragan him self that shalbe nominate, shall prouide two bishoppes or suffragans to consecrate him with the archbishop, and shall beare their reasonable costes.

¶ Provided also that the residence of him that shall be suffragan ouer the diocess, where he shall haue commission, shall serue him for his residence as sufficiētly, as if he were resident vpon any other his benefice, any act, heretofore made to the contrary notwithstanding.

HENRIC OCTAVI.

Be it further enacted, that all suche suffraganes, as shal hereafter exercise the offices aforesaid, by the commission of the bishop, for the better maintenance of his dignitie, may haue two benefices with cure, any former acte made to the contrary notwithstanding.

An acte for takyng away certayne exactions taken within the archedeaconrie of Richemonde by spirituall men. Cap. xv.

FOr as much as diuers and many the king our soueraigne lordes subiectes, inhabited within the archedeaconrie of Richemonde, in the countie of yorke, be and of longe time haue been sore and greuously exacted and impouershed by the persons vicars and others suche as haue benefices and spirituall promotions within the same as by takyng of euery person, when he dieth, in the name of a pension or of a porcion, sometime the ninth parte of al his goodes and cattals, and sometime the thirde parte, to the open and manifest impouershyng of mooste parte of all the kynges pooze subiectes, inhabited & deceasyng within the same. wherfore be it ordeined enacted and established by the kyng our soueraine lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament asssembled, and by the auctorite of the same, that from the feast of saint Marke the euangelist next coming, no maner of spiritual person or others now haupng, or that from the said feast shall haue any maner of benefice, or other spirituall promotion within the said archedeaconrie, shall in no wise aske leute demaunde or take, after the decease of any person or persons any suche porcions or pensions, nor any other demaunde or duetie, in the name or lue of the same, vpon paine to incurre suche daungers forfeitures and penalties, as be contained in the statute of prouisors made in the .xxv. yere of the reigne of your moste noble progenitor kyng Edward the thirde: But that al & euery the kinges subiectes of the sayde archedeaconry, & their executors and administrators, from henceforth shalbe ordeined treated & vsed for their goodes and cattalles after theyr deceasse, in like maner forme order and condicion, as is contained in the statute made in the .xxi. yere of your most noble and victorious reigne for probate of testaments, and none other wise, any vse custome bul composition prescription or ordinance heretofore had obtained or vsed to the contrary, within the foresaid archedeaconry, in any wise notwithstanding.

An acte for makyng of woostedes in the cite of Norwich, and in the townes of Linne and yarmouth. Cap. xvi.

Where at a parliament holden at London the .xv. day of April, in the .xiii. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lord the kyng that now is, and from thens adourned to westminster, the laste day of July, in the .xv. yere of our sayde soueraigne lord,

and there ended: It was ordeined enacted & established, that the craftes me
called worstede weuers, inhabited in the towne of great yermouth, should
haue power & auctoritie by that acte from thens for ward, to electe, & chose
perely for euer, on the munday next after the feast of Pentecost, one honest
man of the mistery and occupacion of worstede weuers, being an house hol-
der within the saide towne of great yermouth, and haupnge of his proper
goodes and cattals to the value of x. li. at the least, or landes & tenementes
to his owne vse of estate of freholde at the least, to the clere perely value of
xx. s. to be warden of the same craft & mistery of worstede weuers for the
yere next ensuyng, which man so elected & chosen, should personally appere
before the mayre of the citie of Norwiche for the time beyng, the munday
next after the feast of corpus Christi, then next ensuyng, then and there to
be sworne and charged by like othe, concernynge the true and substanciall
makynge of worstedes saies and stamins within the said towne of greater
yermouth, as the. iiii. wardens of the said citie of Norwiche, by vertue of
an acte of parliament, made in the. vii. yere of kynge Edward the fourth,
were charged & sworne for the same citie of Norwiche. And if the said maire
happened to be absent the said munday next after corpus Christi or els the
refused to receiue or take the said othe, than the said warden so elect with-
in. iiii. daies next after the same munday, should come before the bailiffes
of the saide towne of greate yermouth, for the time beyng, or before one of
them, the other beyng absent, and then and there receiue a corporall othe
for the true exercisynge of the same office of wardenship, after the tenour of
the othe accustomedly vsed to be giuen to the said wardens of the said citie
of Norwiche, & then the said warden of the said towne of great yermouth
for the time being, so elected and sworne, might ordeine and appoint a seale
with this letter, P, to be grauen in the same seale, and might haue full po-
wer and auctoritie to biewe, serche, seale, and seale in leade with the same
seale, so to be appointed and engrauen, and none other, all worstedes, saies
and stamins within the said towne of yermouth, & suburbes of the same,
made or to be made, & not els where, in as large & ample maner as the said
wardens of the said citie of Norwiche, and the wardens of the countie of
Norfolke or any of them, had within the said citie or countie, or in any wise
may do in that behalfe by auctoritie or vertue of the afore remembred acte
made in the said seventh yere of kynge Edward the fourth any thyng in
the same conteyned to the contrary therof notwithstanding. And that no
person inhabited within the sayd towne of greate yermouth, or suburbes
therof, should weaue any worstedes, saies, or stamins, within the same
towne, excepte he be an Englishman borne, and had been a prentise to the
said occupacion, & without he weaued therein such propre markes as shuld
be limited and appointed by the saide warden of the saide towne for the
time being, electe and sworne as is afore saide, vpon peine of forfayture
therof to the kynge our soueraigne lord. And that euery warden of the
sayd towne shuld limite distincte and seuerall markes to euery of the said
worsted

HENRICI OCTAVI.

worsted weavers of the same towne of greete perimouth, and the same
markes by the sayde wardeine to be registred in a booke.

¶ And also it was further enacted, that if and when so euer the towne of
Linne should be inhabited with .x. sondry householders or more nombre of
householders, exercisynge and bryng the saide craft or mistery of worstede
weavers, then and from thensforth, that is to say, as longe as the same
towne of Linne should be inhabited with the nombre of .x. suche househol-
ders at the least, it should be lesull to the same inhabitauntes of the sayde
towne of Linne, yerely in the munday nexte after the feast of Pentecost, to
electe and chose of them self one wardein of the saide crafte and misterie of
worstede weavers, to be of the value in landes and goodes as is aforesaide
of the wardeins of perimouth, whiche wardein so electe, should yerely be
sworne and charged at the sayd cite of Norwiche, in like maner and at lyke
day, as is befoze limitted to the wardeins of parmouth, or in Defaute of the
said mayre of Norwiche, then the said wardein so to be electe for the sayde
towne of Linne, to take a corporal othe befoze the mayre of the said towne,
within suche time, and after such forme as is befoze limitted vnto the sayde
wardein of parmouth. And that the saide wardein of the saide towne of
Lynne for the time beyng so electe and sworne by him selfe, might ordeine
and appoint a seale with this letter. A. to be grauen in the seale, & might
haue full power and auctoritie, to pierce serche seale and seale, in lead, with
the same seale to be grauen, and with none other, all worstedes, saies, and
flamines, within the said towne of Linne and suburbs of the same, made
or to be made, and not els where, in as large and ample maner, as the said
wardeine of the saide cite of Norwiche, and wardein of the said countie of
Norfolke, or any of them, had within the said cite or countie, or otherwise
might do by auctoritie or vertue of the aforesaid acte, made in the sayd. vii.
yere of kyng Edward the fourth, any thyng conteyned in the same acte to
the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And that no person inhabited within the saide towne of Linne or sub-
barbes therof, shuld make any worstedes saies or flamins within the same
towne, excepte he were English borne, and had been apprentice to the same
occupation, & without he weaved therein such proper marke, as should bee
limitted & appointed by the said wardens of the same towne of Linne for
the time beyng, vpon peine of forfaiture therof to the kynge our soueraigne
lorde. And that euery wardein of the saide towne, shuld limit distincte and
seuerall markes to euery of the said worsted weavers of the same towne, &
and the same markes by the said wardein to be registred in a booke.

¶ And it was further enacted, that from the feast of saint Michaell that
chaungell then next folowynge, vnto such time as the saide towne of Linne
shuld be inhabited with the said nombre of .x. householders of the said craft
of worsted weavers and alwaies after when the nombre of .x. householders
should happen to faile and not be inhabited in the said towne of Lynne, the
sayde wardeins of the said cite of Norwiche and their successours, shoulde

procurer & cause one of them selues or one of the wardeins of the saide traſſe of the ſaid countie of Norſſolke, perſonally to come & be euery .xxviii. daie from and after the ſaid feaſt of ſainct Michael the archangell in and to the ſayde towne of Linne, or within .vi. daies next after euery ſuch .xxviii. day, and there to continue and abide by ſo longe time, as he might ſerche and ſeale all ſuche worſtedes, ſaies and ſtamines, made in the ſame towne of Linne, as then ſhould bee brought to him to be ſealed within the ſpace of one hole day. And the ſaid inhabitauntes of worſtede weauers of the ſame towne of Lynne beyng, ſhould contente and pay to the ſaide wardeins of Norwiche or Norſſ. which ſhould ſo come to Linne, in the ſaid .xxviii. day, or within the .vi. daies next after the .xxviii. day, for his coſtes and expences for euery time that he ſhoulde ſo come to Lynne, betweene the feaſtes of ſainct Michael the archangell, and the Annunciacion of our lady ſaincte Mary .iii. s. and for euery time that he ſhoulde ſo come to the ſayd towne of Lynne, betweene the feaſt of the Annunciacion of our lady, and the feaſte of ſainct Michael the archangell. ii. s. And if the ſaide inhabitauntes of worſtede weauers of the ſaid towne of Linne did not contente and pay to the ſayd wardeine, comynge to Linne in ſourme aforeſaid, for his ſayde coſtes and charges, the ſaide .iii. s. or ii. s. as is aboue limited, than the ſame inhabitauntes ſhould forſaite and pay to the ſayd wardeine, or to his executours for euery ſuch default of payment .xl. s. And if none of the ſayd wardeins of Norwiche and Norſſ. come to the ſaid towne of Linne, for the cauſe aforeſaide, in maner and ſourme aboue remembred, that the ſayde wardeins of the ſaid citie of Norwiche ſhould forſait and pay to the ſaid inhabitauntes of Linne of the ſaid miſterie of worſtede weauers, for euery ſuche default. xl. s. for recompence of the penaltie and forſaites, the ſayde wardeins of Norwiche or Norſſ. beyng therunto intituled by that acte by his propre name, with this addicion, that is to ſay, *Vnius gardianorum, or Nep per vnius gardianorum, artis ſine miſterie textorum panni lanei vocat. Worſted in ciuitate Norwici. Vel com. Norff.* as the truth requirerh, ſhould and might haue action of dette by writte, byll, or plainte in any competent or lawfull courte of this realme againſt the inhabitauntes of Lynne of the ſayde miſterie for the time being by their ſondrie proper names, and the ſaid inhabitauntes by their ſayde names, with this addicion, *Textorum panni lanei vocat. Worſt. inhabitantes. ville de Lynne.* ſhould and might haue like action of dette againſt the ſaid wardeins of Norwiche, by the name of *Gardiani artis ſine miſterie textorum pannorum laneorum vocat. Worſted infra ciuitatem Norwici. Vel com. Norff.* to bee vſed to good congruities of latine, and ſourme of the lawes of this realme, in whiche actions or any of them, none eſſoyne protection or wager of lawe ſhoulde be ſuffered or allowed. And that the particuler bodie or goodes of any of the ſayde wardeynes or inhabitauntes, beyng condemned in any of the ſayde actions, ſhould and might be put in execucion, after ſuche maner and ſourme, as is vſed in an action of dette by courſe of the common lawe of this realme.

And

HENRICI OCTAVI.

And more over it is enacted, that all clothes of worsted, saies and stam-
mines, made within any of the said townes of Linne and grete yermouth
or subburbes of the same, or any of them, and marked with suche markes,
as shuld be limited to the makers, by the said wardens of the said towne
in maner and fourme as is aboue said, and breved and sealed by any of the
saide wardenes of the saide townes of Linne and yermouth, in fourme
remembred, by force and vertue of the sayde acte might be lawfully put to
sale by the owners and makers of the same, without any other markynge
or sealyng upon the same clothes, or upon any of them to be had or made,
or upon any of the saide clothes, for lacke of any other seales or markes,
any thinge conteyned in the said. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourth to
the contrary notwithstanding.

And over this it was enacted, that every crafter, man of the said mistery
and occupation of worstede makinge, dwellinge within any of the sayde
townes of Linne and yermouth, and subburbes of the same, at theyr owne
free willes and liberties from thensforth for ever might have and take ap-
prentice or apprentices, beinge male of the age of xiii. yeres and upward,
and beinge the kinges naturall subiectes, for terme of xii. yeres and not
under, so that none of them exceede the number of two at ones, to learne vse
and exercise the said crafte within either of the saide towne of Linne
and grete yarmouth, and subburbes of the same, all be it the father of the
said apprentice or apprentices might vs expende in landes or tenements,
to the yere value of twentie shillinges, any acte or ordinaunce to the con-
trary made or to be made notwithstandinge.

And provided also that the same acte, or any thinge therein conteyned
shoulde not in any wyse be hurtfull or prejudicial to the mayre of Norwiche,
or to his successour, or to the wardenes of the saide citie or countie, or
to theyr successours, in any poynt or article power or auctority, other then
for weaynge, searlinge, and sealyng of worstedes saies and stammines
made or to be made onely within the said townes of Linne and yermouth,
or subburbes of the same, or to any of them, and for limitinge of markes,
to the makers of worstedes, saies, and stammines, onely inhabited in eyther
of the said townes or subburbes therof, and taking of the apprentices in fourme
aboue remembred; but that the saide maire of the saide citie of Norwiche,
and wardens of the same citie and countie, and every of them, might have
and vse all other poyntes, articles, powers, and auctorities conteyned and
specified in the aboue remembred acte, made in the saide. vii. yere of kynge
Edwarde the fourth, as well for the serche sealyng correction and refor-
macion of the sayde wardenes, newly to bee elected by the vertue of the
same acte, and everye of them, accordynge and after suche fourme as they
might doe or vse anye of the sayde wardenes of the saide citie or countie,
by force of the sayde acte, made in the saide. vii. yere of kynge Edwarde the
iiii. as al and every other inquieries, corrections, serches sealynges and re-
formacions to be hadde for the true makinge of worstedes, saies, and sta-
mines,

myng, in and vpon any person or persons, as wel within the saide towne of Lynne and permouth, as without, withoute trouble, lette or vexacion of any of the inhabitauntes of the said towne, in as large and ample wyse, as they might haue done before the makinge of the saide acte, any thinge contained in the same act to the contrary notwithstandinge.

¶ And also it was further provided and enacted, that the said craftes men of worsted weauers, inhabited, or after that to be inhabited within eyther of the saide towne of Lynne and permouth or subbarbes of the same, and the marchauntes, or any other person or persons, whiche shoulde happen to by of the same craftes men, or any of them, or any other person, any of the said clothes of worstes sales or stamings, made or to be made within either of the said towne of Lynne and permouth, and sealed by the sayd wardens of the same towne, to be elect and swayne, as is aforesaid, and any of them shuld not there die or put in colour, or kalender any worstedes stamings or sayes, made, or after that to bee made within either of the saide towne of Lynne and permouth, and subbarbes of the same, in any other place or places, but only within the saide citie of Norwiche, or subbarbes of the same, vpon peine of forfaiture of euery pece of worstedes sales or stamings, to be made within any of the saide towne of Lynne and permouth, or subbarbes of the same, or the value therof, shorne, died, coloured, or kalendred by any of the saide craftes men, byers, or marchauntes, in any other place or places than in the saide citie of Norwiche, or subbarbes of the same. The one halfe therof to be to the king our soueraine lord, & the other halfe therof to such person or persones, as shulde lease the same, so that the sayde worstedes brought to the said citie of Norwiche to bee shorne died colored and kalendred, withoute couyne or crafte of any of the saide inhabitauntes and marchantes, might bee shorne died coloured and kalendred at & by as conuenient price or prices, & in as redy wyse, as the saide inhabitauntes of eyther of the said towne of Lynne and permouth, and marchantes byers of the saide worstedes, or other of the said citie and countie, had had in tymes paste, or after that shulde haue. And also that the same inhabitauntes and marchantes and euery of them so bringinge the said worstedes to the same citie to be shorne died coloured & kalendred, were reasonably and lawfully intreated accorde to the saide acte, made in the sayde. vii. yere of kyng Edward the. iiii. and the ordinance made and affirmed, or hereafter to be made and affirmed for the said misterie, without let or Disturbance, contrary to the same act or ordinance in that behalfe.

¶ And it was further enacted, that no persone or persons, any tyme after that shuld conuey or transporte into any of the parties of beyonde the sea, any maner of cloths of worsteds, before the same clothes were shorne, died coloured and kalendred, vpon peine of forfaiture the value thereof: the one halfe to the king our soueraine lord, and the other halfe thereof to the partie that wil sue therfore, by action or plaint of Det in any of the kings court, in which action or suite no protection or essoine shuld be allowed nor the

Defendour

HENRICI OCTAVI.

Defendour admitted to wage his laboe, as by the said act therof made more plainly appereth: which act was made to endure vnto the next parliament, wherby it is now expired. In consideration wherof, and for asmuch as the same act it is a good & necessary act for the trew making of worstes, saies, and stamings, and very commodious & profitable for the increase of the said towne of yermouth and Linne, be it therfore enacted by the kynge our so- ueraigne lord, and the lordes spiritual and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that the same act, and euery article sen- tence and prouision therin contained, shal from hensforth bee continued and stande for euer in ful strength and vertue.

CAn act that no fermours of spirituall persons shalbe cōpelled or charged to pay for theyr lessours first frutes or yeris pension for the tenth graunted to the kinges highnes. Cap. xlii.

For certayne reasonable and bregent considerations, mouynge the kynges most high court of parliament, it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie of the same, that all and singular fermours and les- sees of any manours, lordshippes, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, personages, bycatages, porcions of rithe, or other what soeuer profittes or commodities, belongynge to any archebyschoppe, Bys- choppe, or other prelate or spirituall personne or persons, or spirituall bo- dy corporate or polytique, wherof any firste frutes or yerely pension of the tenth parte is graunted to the kynge our soueraigne lord in this presente session of the said courte of parliament, shal be discharged and not charge- able to pay to our said soueraigne lord of his or their proper money cost or charge, for or in discharge of the lessour or lessours, owner or owners of the same, by reason of any couenaunte, bargayne, bonde, condiction, clause of reentre, or other thinge heretofore made or concluded, but that euery of the said lessours and owners, and their successours, shal be charged and chargeable to pay and satisfie the same of his or their proper cost & charge, to the king our soueraigne lord, his heires and successours accordinge to the graunt thereof: any couenaunt, bargayne, contracte, bonde, condiction, clause of reentre, or other thinge heretofore made or concluded to the con- trarie therof in any wise notwithstanding.

CAn act concerning the kinges general and free pat- don graunted by his highnes. Cap. xliii.

He kings most roial maiestie prudently considering, that al be it his highnes of his moste excellent pitie benignitie & mercy, ma- nifold times heretofore mercifully & liberally hath graunted his most gracious fre & general pardon, to al and singular his sub- iectes

icctes, by the whiche his maiestie hath remitted and released innumerable and inestimable substaunce and pofites, whiche he mought haue lawfully taken & had by the lawes and customs of this his realme, trustyng by his often remission pardone and mercy, ministred to his subiectes, to allure offenders from vice to vertue, & that they wold put theyr diligent deuoures to amend and reforme their abuses: yet neuertheles his louyng and obedient subiects, sithens his last most gracious and liberal pardons to them graunted, haue incurred into innumerable penalties losses forfeitures and damages, wherof fewe or none of them are able to make ful recompence or condigne satisfaction to his highnes, if his maiestie shuld procede agaynst them by due course of his lawes, trustyng that now from hensforth they wyl eftsones amende and beware the incurringe of the foresaide daungers and perilles, seinge they haue had so many admonicions and gentill warnynges: And perceiuinge also the greake zeale and affection, whiche his louinge subiectes beare vnto him and his dignitie royal, as by many waies in this present parliament they haue declared and shewed. In consideration wherof, and trusting as afoze, the kinges highnes to shewe vnto his louinge subiectes, that he both can and wyl consider, when he is both kindly and louyngly handled of them, vpon his mere mocion, and to declare also his tender loue and affection, whiche hee beareth vnto his nobilitie and subiectes, accor dyng to his accustomed goodnes, is contented and pleased at this time to extende his petie mercie and benignitie to all and singular his subiectes of this his realme of England, wales, the yles of Iernesey and Garnesey, Barwyke, and Caleis, and the marches of the same by waie of his free pardon & remission, as hereafter foloweth, rather coneytinge their amendements by gentyll, and merciful meanes, then to be enriched by theyr euill dedes and offences. And for that his saide free pardone and remission to bee had taken and enioyed to and by them & euery of them by vertue of this presente acte, his grace is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parlyamente, in manner and fourme folowynge, that is to saye: that all and euery of hys saide subiectes, as wel spirituall as tempozall of this his realme of Englande, wales, the said Iles of Iernesey, and Garnesey, Berwyke, & Caleis, and the marches of the same, the heires successours executours and administratours of them and euery of them, and all and singular bodies in any maner of wise corpozate, cities, boroughes, shires, riddings, hundzedes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithinges, and of euery of them, and the successour and successours of euery of them, shalbe by auctoritie of this present parliament, acquitted, pardoned, released, and dyscharged ayenst the kinges highnes, his heires and successours and executours and euery of them, of all maner of felouies offences contemptes trespasses wronges deceyptes mysdemeanours forfeitures penalties and pofites, summes of money, peynes of death, peynes corpozall and pecuniary, and generally of all other thinges, causes, quarels, suites, iudgementes, & executions

HENRICI OCTAVI.

excutions in this present act hereafter not excepted nor forprised, which may be or can bee by his highnes in any wise or by any meane pardoned, before and vnto the third day of the moneth of Nouember, in the xxvi. yere of his most noble reigne, to euery or any of his saide subiectes, bodies corporate, cities, boroughes, Shires, Riddinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, Townes, villages, and tithinges, or to any of them.

¶ And also the kings highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliamēt, that his said free pardon shalbe as good & effectuell in the law to euery of his said subiectes, bodies corporate, and others before reherfed, & to euery of them by the said general wordes before reherfed, in and against al thinges, which be not hereafter in this present act excepted, as the same pardon shuld haue ben, if all offences, contemptes, forfeitures, causes, matters, suites, quarels, iudgementes, excutions, penalties, and al other thinges not hereafter excepted, had ben particularly, singularly, specially, and plainly named reherfed and specified, & also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes & names in their kinds natures & qualities, by wordes and termes ther vnto requisite, to haue ben put & expresse in this presente acte of free pardon: And that his saide subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heires executours or administratours of any of them, nor any of the said bodies corporate and others before named, or any of them, be nor shalbe sued, vexed or inquieted, in their bodies goodes lands or cattals for any maner matter, cause, contempte, misdemenour, forfeiture, trespass, offence, or any other thing suffred done or committed before the said third day of Nouember, against his highnes, his crowne, dignitie, prerogative, law or statutes: but onely for such matters, causes, & offences, as be plainly reherfed in the excptions in this present acte hereafter mencioned, & for none other: any statute or statutes, lawes, customes, vse, or president, heretofore had made or vsed to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

¶ Also the kinges highnes of his bounteous liberalitie, by auctoritie of this present parlyament graunteth and freely giueth to euery of hys saide subiectes, and to euery of the saide bodies corporate, and others before reherfed, and to euery of them, all suche goodes, cattals, dettes, fines, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forfeitures, and summes of money, by any of them forfeited, which to his highnes do or shoulde belonge or appertayne by reason of any offence contempte trespass misdemeanour matter cause or quarel, suffred done or committed by them or any of them, before the sayde thirde daye of Nouember, whiche bee not hereafter plainly forprised and excepted in this present acte. And that all and euery the kynges sayde subiectes, and all and singular bodies corporate, and others before reherfed, may by him or the selfe or his or their deputy or deputies or by his or their attorney or attorneis, accoꝝdinge to the lawes of this realme, pleade and minister this present act of free pardon for his or their discharge of and for euery thinge, that is by vertue of this presente acte pardoned, discharged, giuen, or graunted, withoute any fee or other thinge in any wyse payenge to any

to any person or persons of writtinge or entree of any suche pleadinge of the said pardon, or for entree of the iudgement, or other cause concerninge such plee, writting, or entree, but only .xii. d. to be paid to the officer or clerke that shall entre the plee matter or iudgemente for the parties discharge in that behalfe, any statute or vse to the contrary notwithstanding.

¶ And furthermore the kinges highnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament that his said free pardon by the generall wordes before rehearsed, shalbe reputed demed and iudged, allowed and taken in all manour courts of his lawes, and els where aswell in the wordes & clauses of the excepcions & forprieses specified in this present acte, as in all and singular other clauses wordes and sentences, mencioned and rehearsed in the said free pardon, most beneficially and auaylably to all and singular his saide subiects, bodiees corporate, and others before rehearsed, and to euery of them, and most strongly in barre and discharge against his highnes, his heires, successours, and executours in euery thing, without any obstacle, ambiguite, chalenge, or other Delaye whatsoeuer it shall be, to be made, pleaded, objected, or alleged by the king our soueraine lord, his heires, successours, or executours, or by his or any of their general attorney or attorneis, or by any other person or persons for his highnes, or any of his heires, successours, or executours.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by the king our soueraine lord, & by auctoritie of this present parliament, that if any officer or clerke of any of hye high courtes, commonly called the kings bench, Chauncery and common place, or of his eschequer, or any other officer or clerke of any other of hye courtes within this realme, at any tyme after the feast of Epiphanye of our lord god next comming, make out or write out any maner writtes or other proces, or any extreates summons or other preceptes, whereby any of the said subiects, or any of the said bodiees corporate, or other before rehearsed, or any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested, attached, distreined, summoned, or otherwise vexed inquieted or greued, in his or their bodiees, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattalles, or in any of them, for or bycause of any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by vertue of this act of free pardon, hee so offending, and therof lawfully condemned, shall yelde and paye for recompence therof to the party so greued or offended, treble damages (accounted as parcel of these damages all costes of the suite). And neuertheles all and singular such writtes, proces, extreates, and preceptes so to be made for or vpon any maner thing pardoned or discharged by this presente acte of free pardon, shalbe vtterly void and of none effecte.

¶ Excepted alwaye, and forpried oute of the saide free pardon all manner of highe treasons, and misprisions of highe treasons, and all suites punishmentes forfeitures and penalties for or by reason or occasion of any of them, all prepenfend and voluntary murders, all robberies of churches, and robberies done vpon mens persons, all other felonies & robberies by the common lawe, of felonious taking of any money goods or cattalles aboue the

HENRICI OCTAVI.

the summe or value of .xx. s. all felonous burning of houses, all ravisshmentes of women, and all & singular accessaries to any of the said murders, or murderers, felonies, robberies, brenninges, or ravisshments, felons, robbers, brenners, and ravisshers, all outlaries of highe treasons, and of mysprisions of high treasons, and all maner of felonies, other than felonies of the summe or value of twentie shillinges, or vnder the same summe: & that all other outlaries had or promulged vppon or against any person or persons for any cause, not being treason, mysprision of highe treasons, murder, or felony aboue the saide summe of twentie shillinges, be and shalbe pardoned by the general wordes of this present act of free pardon before writen: so alwaies that the same persons and euery of them, stand to right to answer or satisfie the partie, at whose suite he is outlawed, accordyng to the lawes of this realme.

¶ Also excepted & forprised out of the said free pardon, all and singular conuictions & atteindours of any person and persons, now being or remaining in any conuicte prison, or in the custody of any bishop, abbot, or other spiritual person or ordinary, & euery of the same persons so ateinted or couicted. And also al multipliers & nigromancers, multiplicaciōs, & nigramacies, and al suites impeticiōs processe and punishments for or vpon the same or any of them: And al titles, and actions of Quare impedit, and al ravisshmentes of the kinges wardes, al wastes of the kinges woodes, and his forestes parkes or chases, all concealmentes of customes and subsidies.

¶ And also excepted and forprised out of this pardon all inclosures and decaies of houses of husbandry, made, done, committed, or permitted contrary to the forme or effect of any statute or statutes heretofore made, and also al issues profits amerciamentes fines and other penalties, which hereafter shal grow or be forfeited for any suche inclosures or decaies, and all intrusions had made or done into any maners, landes, tenements, or other hereditamentes, sithen the feast of saint Michael the Archangel, which was in the .xxv. yere of the kinges most noble reigne: And all and singular dettes, other then dettes growen vpon recognisances, being of the summe of fiftie poundes or vnder, and not aboue that summe, and beinge all redy forfeited for suretie, of the peace, or for apparance at any day or place.

¶ And excepted and forprised out of this pardon all accomptes, and all actions suites and impeticiōs for the same accomptes, and arrearages of accomptes, and for the said dettes or any of them hereby excepted or forprised: all homages and relifes not done or not payde: all wilful escapes as wel of conuictes as other prisoners: and all dettes, whiche were due to the moste noble kynge of famous memory kinge Henry the .vii. or to any persone or persons, to his vse, by any condemnation, recognisance, obligacion, or other wyse: all and singular those forfeitures beinge due to oure souerayne lord king Henry the .viii. by any penal statute or statutes, whiche be conuerted into the nature of dette by iudgement, or by agremente of the offenders, before the said third day of Nouember: and al forfeitures and other penal-

penalties and profittes groben or due by reason of any offence or act, committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the common law, wherof any seizure is made, or any information is geuen in the kings eschequer, or any suite there commenced, before the said third day of November, or wherof the kings highnes by his byll signed or otherwise, heretofore hath made any gifte or assignement to any of his seruantes.

¶ And also excepted al issues forfeited, fines, amerciaments, assessed, taxed, set, extreated, or iudged seuerally, or particularlie, extending to the somme of a. C. s. or aboue the summe, and that al and singular other fines, as well fines *Pro licencia concordandi*, as other, and all other issues and amerciamentes, as wel real as other, which seuerally or particularly extend not to the said summe of a hundred shillings, whether they bee totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the shiriffe or not taken to his charge, extreated or not extreated: whether they be tourned into or not into det, and not beinge leuied nor receiued by any shiriffe or shiriffes, bailiffe, ministers, or other officers, shalbe fully clerly and plainly pardoned and discharged agaynst the king our soueraine lord, his heires & successours for euer by this present acte of free pardon.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that in this case it be objected to or ayenst any shiriffe or shiriffes, or other accomptants in the kings court of Exchequer, or in any other his courtes, that any shiriffe or shiriffes, or other officers accomptant, hath receiued or taken any such fines, issues, or amerciamentes, by this present act pardoned and acquitted, that then euery suche shiriffe and shiriffes and other accomptantes, shalbe discharged released pardoned and acquitted therof by his or their othe, without any further trial in that behalfe.

¶ Provided alway, that this present act of free pardon nor any thing therein contained, in any wise extende to discharge remit or acquite any persone or persons, for any such issues, fines, & amerciamentes of one hundred shillings or vnder, as any shiriffe heretofore hath accompted before the barons of the kynges Exchequer or els where, and payde the same issues fines and amerciamentes vppon his or their saide accompte, determined to the kynges vse, and haue his or their *Quietus est*, for the same.

God saue the kynge.

cont
mmo
ings
ouem
reto
ared,
mme
well
nen
o the
tted,
d or
inge
ther
yust
pre
ob
sin
Mi
es;
hat
ys
th
er
one
yl
va
es
the